

2. The clerk to the county commissioners shall, within five days after such appointment, make out and deliver to the sheriff of said county a certificate of the appointment of each of said trustees, endorsing one of said certificates for each, and the said sheriff shall, within ten days thereafter, deliver one thereof to each of them.

3. The trustees, so appointed, and notified of their appointment, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars each, shall accept said office, and shall meet on the first Monday of June next ensuing their appointment, (unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and in such case as soon as the disability is removed,) at the alms-house of said county, and qualify by taking the following oath: "I, A. B., do solemnly swear that I will well and faithfully execute and perform the trust and duties reposed in me as a trustee of the poor for Washington county, without favor, partiality, or affection, according to the best of my skill and knowledge," which oath may be administered by any justice of the peace for said county.

4. All vacancies happening by non-acceptance, death, removal out of the county, or disqualification of any of said trustees shall be filled by the county commissioners at their next meeting thereafter.

5. No member of the General Assembly, clergyman, attorney or practising physician shall be obliged to accept said office, or shall be liable to the penalty for refusing; and no judge, justice of the peace or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualifications to be a member of the General Assembly, shall be eligible thereto:

6. The said trustees are a corporation by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor of Washington county," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to purchase, take and hold any lands, tenements or hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of sixteen hundred dollars; and such lands, tenements or hereditaments to rent or lease in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of said poor; and to take and receive any sum of money, and any kind of goods and chattels which may be given, sold or bequeathed to them by any person, and apply the same for the use of the poor.