

THE BAILIFFS.

57. The chief bailiff and the sub-bailiffs shall be the executive officers of the Commissioners, and they shall be equally and alike entitled to serve, deliver or post any order or notice that under any law or ordinance is to be served, delivered or posted, and to perform any other duty which the Commissioners are entitled to direct them to perform.

Bailiffs.

When any law or ordinance names the chief bailiff for the performance of any act or duty, any sub-bailiff for him or in his place or stead may, at his discretion, or at the discretion of the Commissioners, perform the same, and in all such cases a sub-bailiff shall be presumed to have acted under proper authority; and in any event any act of a sub-bailiff may be adopted after it has been performed by the chief bailiff or the Commissioners. When any law or ordinance authorizes or directs the bailiff or bailiffs to perform any service or duty the chief bailiff or any sub-bailiff may perform the same.

Sub-bailiff may act.

All returns made to the Commissioners by the chief bailiff or sub-bailiff shall have the same force and effect and receive the same credence as the returns of a sheriff to process in the Circuit Court.

OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES.

58. On organizing as aforesaid, or as soon thereafter as may be reasonably convenient, the Commissioners shall appoint a chief bailiff who, unless removed for cause, shall hold his office during the term for which the Commissioners who appoint him have been elected. They may also appoint any such sub-bailiffs that the needs of the town call for or demand. The sub-bailiffs shall be assistants or deputies to the chief bailiff, and any acts performed by them under his direction shall be in all respects as valid and effective as if performed by him in person. The chief bailiff and the sub-bailiffs shall perform any duties or functions which the charter, the ordinances, or the orders of the Commissioners may authorize or direct, and their compensation shall be fixed by the Commissioners under ordinances or by orders. The Commissioners may also appoint any other officers or employes which, in their judgment, the services or the interests of the town require. They may fix by ordinance or order the term of service, and the compensations and the duties and functions of such other officers and employes.

Officers and employes. Duties of.