

38. They shall keep a book, in which shall be entered the minutes of their proceedings, and the certificate of each trustee having taken and subscribed the oath mentioned in the preceding section.

39. When the said trustees, or a majority of them, or any four, shall have taken and subscribed the said oath, they shall be qualified and competent to perform all the duties of trustees.

40. They, or a majority of them, shall have power to appoint all such officers, clerks, agents and servants as they may think necessary, and at their pleasure to remove and discharge the same.

41. They shall fix and prescribe the duties of all such officers, clerks, agents and servants, and fix and determine their compensation.

42. They may admit into the alms-house and receive under their care, in addition to those paupers which the laws of this State authorize or require, such indigent or distressed persons as in their opinion the dictates of humanity or particular circumstances render proper or necessary.

43. They shall prescribe, provide for, and direct all matters relating to the support, treatment and employment of all paupers, vagrants and other persons in the alms-house, or any other place under their care and charge.

44. They shall procure, or erect and use all such machinery, materials and implements as they shall think proper or necessary for any purpose connected with their duties or the exercise of the powers vested in them.

45. They may make, amend, alter and repeal all such by-laws as shall be necessary to carry into full effect all the powers, authorities and duties vested in or required of them; *Provided*, such by-laws be not contrary to law.

46. They may appoint a purveyor of provisions to said alms-house, whose duty it shall be to provide and furnish provisions to said alms-house under the direction of said trustees, to whom he shall annually return a statement or account of his