

County," and by that name they, and their successors, shall take, hold, possess and enjoy any gift, donation or present which shall be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them, for or towards the support and maintenance of the poor in said county; and they may purchase, and hold, and enjoy, to them and their successors forever, any lands, tenements or hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of fifteen hundred dollars.

7. They may use one common seal, and the same, if necessary, may change and alter.

8. They shall at their meeting in November, annually, appoint from their own number a treasurer to receive all the funds of said institution, who shall give bond with sufficient security to the trustees for the time being, and their successors, that he will fairly and honestly account with said trustees for all money that may come into his hands at the expiration of every year, or sooner if required by said trustees or their successors; and the said treasurer shall receive a compensation not exceeding three per cent. on the moneys he receives and accounts for.

9. They shall meet at the alms-house four times in each year, in the first week in January, May, August and November, or oftener if necessary, and make, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, such rules and by-laws as they may think necessary for the direction, government and support of the alms-house, and for the maintenance and employment of all such persons as shall be taken under their care, and of all vagrants, beggars, vagabonds and other offenders that shall be committed thereto.

10. They shall annually, on or before the first day of February in each year, appoint an overseer of the alms-house, such appointment to take effect on the twenty-fifth day of March next ensuing, and shall, within ten days after such appointment, inform the overseer thereof.

11. They may remove such overseer at their discretion, and shall give him ten days' notice of his discharge.

12. They may pay the said overseer a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars per annum as a salary, and so pro rata during his continuance in office.