

justice of the peace, or sheriff, or any one who hath not the qualification to be a member of the House of Delegates, shall be eligible thereto; and no person shall be compellable to serve in less than three years after he has served or paid the penalty for not serving.

5. The trustees so appointed and qualified are a body politic, with power to sue and be sued, by the name of "The Trustees of the Poor for Prince George's county," and by that name may take and hold any gift, donation or present which may be given, devised or bequeathed by any person to them, for the support and maintenance of the poor in said county; and may purchase and hold any lands or tenements not exceeding the yearly value of twenty-five hundred dollars.

6. They may use a common seal, and the same at their pleasure may change and alter.

7. The county commissioners shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the office of trustees, and shall annually, at the time of appointing trustees, designate two of the number as an executive committee; and it shall be the duty of the said committee, or if both cannot attend, one of them, to superintend in person all the purchases, contracts and arrangements of the alms-house, under the direction of said trustees.

8. The members of the said executive committee shall be entitled to two dollars a day for every day they shall attend to their said duties, not exceeding two days in one month, and no trustee, except the said executive committee, shall receive pay for his services.

9. They shall meet on the said first Monday of June and on the third Monday of April, annually, and as much oftener as they may deem necessary, and make, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, such rules and by-laws, for the government and support of said alms-house, and the management of the inmates thereof, as they may think proper; all meetings of said trustees shall be held at the alms-house, except such as may be necessary for the settlement of their accounts with the county commissioners.

10. They shall appoint annually, at such time as they think proper, and may remove, at pleasure, an overseer of said alms-