

public or the clerk of any court of record, and the notary or clerk appends a certificate thereto, authenticated by the seal of the notary or of the clerk's court. If it be unknown or uncertain where any party or person interested in the property resides, or whether such party or person be dead or alive, or whether, if dead, he or she left children or heirs, notice to all such may be given by an order of publication. All persons interested in said property shall be bound, after the day and date first appointed for meeting, to ascertain the time and place of all subsequent meetings, without any special notice whatever, and they shall be bound to attend or be held to assent to any proceedings taken and had in the premises.

Fourth. On the day named in the warrant for the meeting, or any subsequent day appointed therefor, the sheriff and his jurors, with the parties, shall meet at appointed. If any of the twenty persons summoned fail to attend, the sheriff may compel his attendance, or he may summon some other person to serve in his place. Any of the twenty jurors who fails to attend may be fined ten dollars by the sheriff, and said fine may be recovered, in the name of the sheriff, in an action at law, before a justice of the peace, and when recovered shall be paid to the Commissioners.

Upon meeting as aforesaid, the sheriff shall call forward each of the twenty persons summoned for jurors and make inquiry whether he is a resident of the town, and twenty-five years old, and whether he is interested in the property, or related to or connected with any of the persons who own or are interested in the same. If each party gives satisfactory answers to the questions, and is sworn as a juror, no objection shall ever afterwards be raised as to his qualification.

If it be found that any person is ineligible, on inquiry he shall be discharged, and the sheriff shall summon another person in his place. When twenty eligible persons have been obtained a list thereof shall be furnished to the Commissioners and to the parties owning or interested in the property, respectively. All the parties or persons owning or interested in the property shall constitute but one party, and must act together as one party. The Commissioners shall be entitled to strike four names from the list, and the parties interested in the property shall be entitled to strike the same number therefrom. If more than twelve names remain after both parties have stricken off names, the sheriff shall strike off enough to reduce the number to twelve, and said twelve persons shall constitute the jury of inquisition.

The sheriff shall swear the jurors in due form of law that they will well and truly value the lands or property to be condemned, and assess the damages sustained by the owner or persons interested therein by reason of the condemnation without partiality or prejudice, to the best of their skill and judgment. A person may be appointed to act as clerk to the sheriff, and he shall be paid two dollars per day.

Fifth. Mortgagors and their assignees and judgment creditors, with liens on the lands, having an interest in the proceeds of condemnation, shall be considered as persons interested in the lands, and shall be notified of the proceedings. If any party or persons owning the property, or inter-