

1872, ch. 281.

123. The clerk to the county commissioners is authorized and empowered to administer an oath or affirmation upon any claim against the county, or upon any official papers connected with his office.

1878, ch. 370.

124. The county commissioners are authorized and directed to levy each year upon the taxpayers the sum of two thousand dollars, in addition to the ordinary expenses of the county, to provide a sinking fund for the payment of the bonded debt of the county.

Ibid.

125. Such levy shall be made until said bonded debt is discharged and cancelled, and under the direction of the county commissioners, the proceeds shall be applied either to the purchasing and cancelling of the outstanding bonds of the county, or invested in first mortgages, or prior judgment liens on real estate of at least double the assessed value of the investment made, as they may find most favorable to the interests of the county, and to no other purpose whatever; but they shall always purchase the bonds of the county at a price not exceeding par, when the same are offered, in preference to investing said monies raised as aforesaid; and when any of said bonds shall have been purchased, they shall be destroyed by the clerk of the board of county commissioners, in their presence, and a memorandum of the fact and of the number and amount of said bonds shall be made on the record of the proceedings of said commissioners; and when any judgment or mortgage shall be entered or executed as aforesaid, it shall be entered or executed in the corporate name of the board of commissioners, and the treasurer of the county shall make the necessary affidavit in case of an investment on mortgage; the investments in each case either to remain at interest, or the interest to be collected and reinvested as they may find expedient.

1882, ch. 237.

126. In the event of additional bonds being issued by them for the erection of a new jail for the county, said commissioners, in lieu of investing the money required to be levied under section