

shall have perpetual succession, and shall be capable to purchase, take and hold any lands, tenements or hereditaments not exceeding the yearly value of sixteen hundred dollars, and to rent or lease such lands, tenements or hereditaments in such manner as they may judge most conducive to the interests of said poor; and to take and receive any sum of money, and any kind of goods and chattels which may be given, sold or bequeathed to them by any person, and apply the same for the use of the poor.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 21, sec. 7.

7. They shall be capable to sue and be sued by their corporate name, and may have and use a common seal, and may change the same at their pleasure.

*Ibid.* sec. 8.

8. They may purchase beds, bedding, working tools, kitchen utensils, cows, horses and other necessities for said almshouse.

1868, ch. 31.

9. Annually, at their first meeting, they shall appoint a fit person to be overseer of the almshouse, and such other proper officers and servants as may appear to them necessary for conducting the business of said almshouse; the overseer so appointed, and all other appointees, shall enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day of April in each year thereafter.

P. L. L., (1860,) art 21, sec. 10.

10. They shall meet at the almshouse four times in the year, in the first week in May, August, October and December, or oftener if necessary, and make and ordain, by a majority of votes of such as may be present, all such rules and by-laws as they shall think necessary for the support and government of said almshouse.

1868, ch 31.

11. Under the penalty of fifty dollars, they shall make out and render to the county commissioners, at their first meeting in May in every year, a statement of their accounts and expenditures, with the necessary vouchers, for the preceding year, which accounts shall be settled and passed by the commissioners.