

peace for each day they may be engaged in the performance of their duties.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT.

1882, ch. 113.

**90.** The county commissioners are authorized and required to provide, equip and maintain a fire department for the protection of property against fire, in such parts of said county as they, in the exercise of their judgment and discretion, may deem necessary.

1862, ch. 113. 1888, ch. 391. 1888, ch. 436.

**91.** In establishing such department they shall provide all such proper fire engines and instruments, with sufficient equipments necessary therefor, to be used for the preservation of property in said districts, with full power and authority also to employ and dismiss at pleasure all officers and employees necessary, in their judgment, to serve and use such fire apparatus for its intended purposes; and further, also, to ordain all needful rules and regulations for the proper conduct of such officers and employees, and penalties for the infraction thereof; and they shall have authority to levy upon the assessable property of the county such tax as may be necessary to support and maintain said fire department and pay for the necessary fire engines, hose and apparatus.

1882, ch. 113.

**92.** They shall devolve upon any person whom they may select, full power to investigate the cause of any and all fires that may happen in said county, whenever they deem such investigation expedient or necessary; and such person, charged by them with such inquiries, shall have power to summon and compel the attendance of all necessary witnesses, and to direct them to produce all necessary books and papers; every such summons shall be directed to the sheriff of said county, who is required to serve the same as other writs of like nature, and he shall be entitled to have and demand like fees as are now allowed for similar writs; and all persons refusing to obey such summons so served shall be fined five dollars for the first refusal, such fine to be recovered as all fines or penalties are recovered; and on any other or further refusal, they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor,