

receive a deed of conveyance therefor, and to enter into a contract or contracts for the erection of a suitable building or buildings for said purpose, and for the purchase of materials for the same, and for the doing of all other acts necessary or proper to be done in carrying out said design.

1880, ch. 287.

171. After the erection of said asylum they shall have full power to appoint such managers, keepers, superintendents and physicians therefor as may be deemed necessary, and to prescribe rules for the government thereof, and to enter into agreements for the reception of inmates thereof, and fix and establish, from time to time, rates at which inmates not dependent on the county shall be received, and to fix the duties and compensation of all employees necessary to carry on said asylum.

Ibid.

172. After the erection of said asylum, all persons who have been heretofore determined in the circuit court for Allegany county to be insane paupers, and who at the time said asylum is ready for use shall be inmates of other institutions at the expense of said county, shall be removed to said asylum; and thereafter, whenever any person shall be found to be an insane pauper, and dependent on said county, by inquisition in the circuit court thereof, said court shall commit said person to said asylum, and none other, unless the county commissioners shall consent to his being sent to some other institution.

Ibid.

173. The county commissioners are hereby authorized to levy such sum annually upon the taxable property in said county, as may be necessary to meet the running expenses of said asylum over and above its revenues, if any such deficiency be found to exist.

1884, ch. 73. 1888, ch. 503.

174. They shall levy annually, on the taxable property in said county, a sum of money sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds authorized to be issued for the "insane asylum" by the