

serving warrants and processes, whether ordered and issued by the town commissioners or the president thereof, or by any justice of the peace.

99. The town commissioners of La Plata and all other officers of the corporation created by this Act or appointed by said town commissioners shall before they enter upon the duties of their respective office make oath before some justice of the peace that they will diligently and faithfully to the best of their skill and judgment perform the duties of their office, and shall file a certificate thereof, signed by the officer before whom the said oath was taken, among the records of the corporation.

100. The clerk and bailiff appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall each give bond to the town commissioners of La Plata in such penalty and with such sureties as said town commissioners may require and approve, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of their office as clerk and bailiff respectively, and the said bonds shall, if the town commissioners require, be recorded in the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Charles County.

101. The Town Commissioners of La Plata shall allow their clerk and bailiff such compensation as may be deemed reasonable by said town commissioners.

102. The Town Commissioners of La Plata shall pass and enact such ordinances and make such improvements not inconsistent with law as they may deem beneficial to the town and necessary for the good government thereof. They may open, widen, straighten, change and close highways, roads, streets, lanes and alleys within the corporate limits of said town of La Plata, and may make, grade, repair and pave the same; they may dig or ditch for draining purposes and make subways either for draining or for sewerage purposes; they may remove nuisances and obstructions from said town; they may restrain all disorders and disturbances within said town; they may prevent and prohibit all congregations of disorderly persons within the limits of said town; they may apprehend and fine all tramps, vagabonds and disorderly persons who shall enter or be found within the limits of said town; they may impose a tax on all geese, dogs, hogs and other animals, if any, other than those hereinafter provided, against running at large within the limits of said town, or may prohibit such running at large under such penalties as they may choose to impose upon the owner of such geese and other animals; and they shall enforce and collect fines, penalties and forfeitures for the violation of ordinances passed and enacted by them, and may commit or cause to be committed all offenders against such ordinance to the county jail until such fines, penalties and forfeitures be paid, with costs, but not exceeding thirty days.