

dead or out of office when the time for conveying the property has arrived, his successor then in office shall convey the same.

SEC. 116-B. Every tax deed shall contain the name of the former owner of the property it conveys, and the clerk of the Circuit Court, in whose office the same may be recorded, shall index it, not only in the name of the grantor and grantee, but also in the name or names of and as from the former owner or owners to the grantee.

SEC. 117. The treasurer shall receive in addition to his regular compensation from Dorchester County, the following fees: For advertising real property for sale under the provisions of this Act, if the property be sold, the treasurer shall receive a fee of three dollars and five per cent. of the gross amount of sales, with his expenses, as provided in this Act, which shall be payable only out of the proceeds of any sale made to enforce the payment of taxes, and which shall be included in the cost and expenses of said sale; but if the payment be made after advertisement and before the sale, only the fee of three dollars shall be charged by the said treasurer, in addition to the expenses already accrued; and said treasurer shall receive a fee of fifty cents for making a statement of any taxes due on personal property when said taxes are to be collected by the sheriff or constable under the provisions of Sections 115 and 115-A of this Act, and the sheriff or constable shall include said fee in the cost of said collection; and in all cases of the sale of real estate by the treasurer under the provisions of this Act there shall be allowed the said treasurer from the proceeds of the sale in addition to other fees and expenses a reasonable sum for counsel fees, not exceeding Twenty Dollars, to be fixed by the Court or agreement of the treasurer and the person interested therein, for reporting said sale to and procuring the ratification thereof by the Circuit Court for Dorchester County.

SEC. 117-A. The County Commissioners of Dorchester County be and they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to purchase any property offered for sale for the payment of taxes, provided they shall not bid a sum greater approximately than the taxes in arrears upon said property and the interest and expenses of sale and all costs of reporting such sale, and to sell and convey or lease the same, as in their judgment and discretion shall be deemed best for the interest of the County.