

The county clerk [is authorized and empowered to] MAY administer an oath or affirmation to any person [presenting] WHO PRESENTS a claim to [said] THE commissioners against the county.[, for which service he shall] THE CLERK MAY not [be entitled to] make any charge[, the same being hereby made a part of his official duty] FOR THE SERVICE. (P.L.L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 98. 1930, sec. 146; 1957 Code, sec. 175. 1876, ch. 83. 1974, ch. 823, sec. 8-8.)

8-9. County Commissioners; rewards.

The County Commissioners [are authorized to offer] MAY:

(1) OFFER a reward, as they consider appropriate, for the arrest and conviction of criminals for offenses committed within [said] THE county, whenever in their judgment the nature and character of the offense [will warrant] WARRANTS it[,]; and

(2) [to levy] LEVY A TAX upon the assessed property of the county to pay the [same] THE REWARD. (P.L.L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 100; 1930, sec. 148; 1957 Code, sec. 176. 1886, ch. 325, 1974, ch. 823, sec. 8-9; 1980, ch. 102.)

8-10. Conveyance or acquisition of real estate.

The County Commissioners [of Washington County shall have authority] MAY:

(1) [to lease] LEASE, [to] sell, at either public or private sale, and [to] convey or otherwise [to] dispose of and convey any real estate or interest in real estate now held or owned or [hereafter] acquired IN THE FUTURE by [said] THE County Commissioners and no longer needed for public use.[, provided that the] THE intent to lease, sell, dispose of, or convey, except in the case of a conveyance made between the County and any federal, state or local government, shall be advertised in a newspaper having general distribution in the county, once a week for [three] 3 successive weeks; and

(2) [to buy] BUY at public or private sale or to accept without consideration any real estate which in their judgment [shall be] IS useful to Washington County[; provided, however, that no] HOWEVER, funds may NOT be expended from the general fund of the county for the acquisition of real property [hereunder] UNDER THIS SECTION unless a public hearing [shall have] HAS been held on the matter and [further provided, however, that] the proceeds from sales of all existing school facilities, school lands, and other properties presently used for school facilities and titled in the name of the County and/or branch, department or derivative thereof [shall be] ARE paid into the "Special School Fund" for school construction and repairs created by the Washington County School Bond Act of 1963. (See note (3)) (1957 Code, sec. 177. 1945, ch. 521; 1959, ch. 280; 1963, ch. 693.)