

ROAD ELECTION

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them 'Filed this day of Secretary, 1913. The petition referred to should be signed by three or more freeholders (that is to say, land-owners), who are legal voters within the dis-

trict, and addressed to the road supervisor of such district requesting him to call a district road meeting or the legal voters of the district; and the petition must state the object for which the meeting is desired. "It is the duty of the road supervisor, when receiving such petition, to cause written notice of such meeting stating the objects thereof and the time and place of holding the same, and signed by himself, to be posted in three (3) public places in the district at least ten (10) days

before the day, appointed for the meeting. The road supervisor shall be the officio chairman of all district meetings of the district to which he belongs. He should be present and preside. However, in case of his absence or inability to act, the meeting shall proceed to elect a temporary chairman from among the legal voters present. The meeting shall elect a competent secretary; he shall keep the minutes of the meeting, and these minutes must be submitted to the chairman of the meeting for his approval, or correction, and when approved, or corrected, shall be signed by the chairman and secretary and certified by the chairman of the meeting, and shall at once be transmitted to the clerk of the county court, who shall preserve it on file with other records of such road district.

"If at your first meeting it is determined to improve the roads of your district with the aid of a special tax, a resolution (a blank form of which has been provided for you), should be prepared and its adoption moved, seconded and voted upon, and the minutes kept by the secretary and approved by the chairman, should show the number of votes cast for and against the resolution. This resolution should describe the road, or roads, or portions thereof, that the meeting desires to improve; giving the initial and terminal points of the desired improvement, or improvements, with the character and extent and estimated expense thereof, and should be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting, and forthwith transmitted to the county clerk.

"The Court will carefully examine the minutes and record of your meeting, together with your resolution containing a description of the proposed improvement, and immediately thereafter advise you of its approval, modification or rejection of the same; and if such improvements are approved, you will call a second meeting, after due notice, for the purpose of voting the tax.

"The first meeting should be held at the earliest possible date, so as to get the records and resolutions containing the proposed improvement before the county court early in November.

"Blank forms for petition, notices, proof and resolution for first meeting have been prepared and may be obtained from E. H. Lenox, County Clerk.

"As to who is a legal voter at district road meetings, see Sec. 6391, L. C. L.

"For a certificate of valuation of property in road districts see Section 6283, L. C. L.

"The second meeting should be held and the tax voted prior to December first.

"Fill out four (4) notices, post three (3) and keep one to make proof with. Compare them and see that they are exactly alike. Describe place of posting with accuracy in affidavit of posting, and give date thereof.

"At the second meeting, a petition must be filed with the road supervisor, requesting him to call the meeting; he must give due and lawful notice for ten days; he must make proof by affidavit of the posting of the same. He should preside at the road meeting; a secretary should be elected; the petition, affidavit, and copy of notice posted, should be filed with the secretary.

"A resolution, embracing the extent and containing a description of the proposed improvement, giving the initial and terminating point of the same and carrying a tax for the purpose of raising money with which to defray the expense of the same, as approved by the county court, should be presented to the meeting by one of the legal voters in attendance, and its adoption moved, seconded, and voted upon, and the minutes kept by the secretary and approved by the chairman, should give the number of votes cast for and against the resolution. This resolution will also contain the character

and extent of the proposed improvement and estimated expense thereof, and should be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting, and transmitted to the county clerk prior to December first.

Conditions Under Which First Meeting May Be Dispensed With.

In all road districts where it is impossible, or inconvenient, on account of the time, or other reasons, to hold two formal meetings as herein set out, it is possible to hold one formal meeting and vote a valid tax. But there should be at least a "get-together" meeting of the resident taxpayers of the road district, who are legal voters therein, for the purpose of determining the extent and character of the improvements that they may desire made in their road district, in order that a statement, or a plan of the proposed improvements, describing the same and giving the initial and terminal points thereof, may be placed regularly before the county court.

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