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Budget System

Private Acts of 1935 Chapter 483

SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established for Grundy County, Tennessee, a Budget System under and by the terms of which said County shall operate its affairs.

SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of the Highway Commissioners of Grundy County, on or before the first Monday in April of each year, to prepare and file with the County Court Clerk of said County, an itemized statement or budget of the funds which said Commissioners estimate to be necessary for the construction, maintenance, upkeep and operation of the roads, bridges and county workhouse, and expenses incident thereto, for the year commencing on the first day of September following the making of said report; said budget shall show in detail and in separate items the estimated amounts necessary for salaries and office expenses, new equipment, maintenance or repair of old equipment, bridges, lumber, gravel, work-house expenses, as well as all other estimated necessary expenditures connected with or under the supervision of said Highway Commissioners, and said budget shall likewise show in parallel columns the amount expended during the previous year for the respective purposes. That it shall likewise be the duty of the County Board of Education of said County, on or before the first Monday in April of each year to prepare and file with the County Court Clerk of said County, an itemized statement or budget of the funds which said Board of Education estimates to be necessary for the maintenance and operation of the schools in said County, and expenses incident thereto, for the year commencing on the first day of September following the making of said report; and said budget shall show in detail and in separate items the estimated amounts necessary for office expenses and salaries of the County Superintendent of Schools and his assistants, salaries of teachers for the different County Elementary and High-Schools, the aggregate of the salaries for each individual school, for the purchase of new equipment, the maintenance and repair of old equipment, school buildings and repairs for school buildings, janitor service, bus service, insurance, and all other expenses incident to or connected with the public school system in said County, whether the same has been specifically set out in this Act or not. Said budget shall likewise show in parallel columns the amounts expended during the previous year for the respective purposes.

That it shall be likewise the duty of the County Judge of Grundy County, on or before the first Monday of April in each year, to prepare and file with the County Court Clerk of said County an itemized statement or budget of the funds which he estimates necessary to be expended from the general county fund during the year commencing on the first day of September following said report, for the payment of salaries, mother's pensions, maintenance of insane patients, jail bills, improvements and repairs of Court House and/or Jail, court costs, jail buildings and all other expenses which should be properly paid out of the general county fund, whether specifically set out in this Act or not. It shall also be the duty of the County Judge of said County, at the same time to prepare and file with the County Court Clerk, a statement or budget showing the amounts necessary to pay the principal and interest on any county bonds which may become due during the year for which said budget is being made, and shall also show in parallel columns the amounts expended during the previous year for the respective purposes.

That it shall be the duty of all other county officials, agencies or parties not hereinabove specifically mentioned, having authority to expend, county, school, road, bridge, or other funds of said County, to file with said clerk on or before the first Monday of April each year, an itemized statement or budget of the funds estimated to be necessary to be expended by said officials, agencies or parties for the year commencing the first day of September following the making of said report.

That it shall be the duty of the County Trustee of said County, on or before the first Monday in April of each year to prepare and file with the County Court Clerk of said County an itemized statement or budget of all funds, exclusive of funds to be derived from tax on property, which he has reasonable grounds to believe will be paid into his office during the year commencing on the first of the following September, and which will be available for the purpose of defraying the expense of the county government during said year; and said statement shall show the source of each fund and said Trustee shall likewise show in a parallel column the amount received for the same sources during their year ending on the preceding August 31st, as near as may be practicable, and he shall likewise show in said statement the actual amount collected from the county tax on property, during the year ending on the preceding August 31st.

It shall be the duty of the County Court Clerk to record the budgets herein referred to in a well bound book kept for that purpose and in a manner that shall make a permanent record of the same.

SECTION 3. That the duty of preparing and presenting to the County, the budget for Grundy County, at

its July term each year, shall devolve upon the County Revenue Commissioners of said County, and one of said Commissioners shall act as Secretary of said Commissioners and shall keep a complete record of the acts of said Commissioners relative to the preparation and presentation of said budget, and in so far as their duties pertain to the preparation and presentation of said budget, they shall be, and in this Act are referred to and designated as the Budget Commission for Grundy County, Tennessee.

SECTION 4. That each year prior to the meeting of the July term of the Quarterly Court of Grundy County, it shall be the duty of said Budget Commission to consider and examine the budgets referred to in Section 2 of this Act, and such other records and data as may be necessary, and to prepare on appropriate forms a complete itemized budget covering all of the proposed expenditures of every kind and description to be made by or on behalf of the County for the year beginning on September 1st following. And in preparing said budget, said Commission is not to be bound by the recommendations of the various departments of the County referred to in Section 2 hereof, but shall make such changes as in the opinion of said Commission are to the best interests of the County.

That immediately upon its organization said Budget Commission shall cause to be prepared and printed appropriate forms on which the budgets of the various departments of the County referred to in Section 2 hereof are to be submitted and also appropriate forms for the budget herein provided for to be prepared and submitted by said Commission. That said forms shall be of such a nature as to enable said Commission to submit to the Quarterly Court as hereinafter provided a complete itemized budget and financial statement of the County in simple, intelligible form, to the end that the Quarterly Court shall have before it in said budget all of the data necessary to enable it to intelligently determine the proper amount to be allowed to the various departments of the County during the year for which the budget is proposed and the amount of revenue that will be available to pay the amount so allowed. And in determining the nature and kind of said forms, said Budget Commission may seek such expert advice in respect to this matter as will enable it to accomplish the desired end.

That said budget, when prepared by said Budget Commission, shall be filed with the County Court Clerk and by him recorded along with the budgets prepared by the several departments of the County, as hereinabove provided for, in a well bound book and kept as a permanent record in the office of the County Court Clerk; and shall be submitted by the Chairman of the Commission each year to the July Term of the Quarterly Court of Grundy County in open Court; and it shall be the duty of said Court before fixing the tax rate for the current year to fully consider in open Court said budget prepared by said Budget Commission, but the same shall not be in any way binding on said Court. That said Court shall have full right and power to alter, vary or change in any way it deems right and proper said budget so submitted by said Budget Commission or any part of said budget thereof, but it shall be the positive duty of said Court at its July Term each year, to fix, establish and adopt a complete, itemized budget of the amounts to be expended by each department of the County Government during the year beginning on the first day of September following, and no warrant drawn against the County's funds or any funds accruing to the office of the County Trustee from any source, after September 1, 1935, shall be binding on the County unless the items or expense for which said warrant is issued shall have been included in a budget adopted by said Court as herein provided for; and no warrant shall be valid or binding on the County after the aggregate amount of warrants theretofore drawn during the fiscal year by or on behalf of any department of the County Government, shall equal the amount allowed said department in the budget adopted for that year.

That in preparing said budget it shall be the duty of the Budget Commission to take into consideration any unexpended balances that may remain to the credit of any department at the end of the year from the amount allowed such department for the previous year.

That, as nearly as may be practicable, said Commission shall show in its budget the amount of actual expenditures of each department of the County Government during the preceding year, covering each item or head in the budget, said amounts for such previous year to be shown in a column parallel to that containing the proposed amount recommended for the ensuing year, so that when completed said budget will show not only the proposed expenditures for the ensuing year, but the actual expenditures under each head for the past year.

That from the data and information herein required to be prepared and filed with the County Court Clerk by the County Trustee, and such other data as it may be necessary to examine, said Budget Commission shall show in its budget an itemized statement or estimate of all funds, exclusive of the funds derived from the County tax on property, which said Commission has reasonable grounds to believe will be available during the year for the payment of the amounts allowed in its said budget for said year, and it shall also show as nearly as may be practicable, the amounts of revenue derived from the same sources during the past year, together with the amount actually collected from the County tax on property during such preceding year.

That along with its budget and report said Commission shall submit to said Court such other data, information and recommendations as it may deem advisable and necessary to enable the said Quarterly Court and the public to fully understand the financial condition of the County and the necessity for the amount fixed in said budget and the tax rate on property recommended by said Commission.

That the Secretary of said Commission shall mail a full and complete copy of the report and budget prepared by said Commission, to each member of the Quarterly Court, at least ten days before the July Term of said Court, and shall also cause a copy of said report and budget to be posted at three public places in Grundy County at least ten (10) days before each July Term of the Court, one of which places shall be at the Court House of said County.

SECTION 5. That for the year 1935 the reports from the County Judge, Trustee, Highway Commissioners, and all other Departmental Heads of said County required to be filed with the County Court Clerk on or before the first Monday in April, shall be filed with said clerk on or before the first Monday in June, 1935; and for the year 1936 and all subsequent years said reports shall be filed on or before the first Monday in April, as provided by this Act.

SECTION 6. That in the event said Budget Commission fails, refuses or neglects to prepare and submit the budget herein provided for to the said Quarterly Court at its July Term, then it shall be the duty of the County Judge at said Term of Court to appoint three competent persons to prepare and present the Budget for the ensuing year to the said Court, and it shall be the duty of said Court to adopt an itemized budget covering the amounts to be expended by each department of the County Government for the year beginning on the first day of the following September, and said budget shall be of the same kind and form as that herein required to be prepared by said Budget Commission, and it shall be a misdemeanor in office for any official of Grundy County, from and after September 1, 1935, to draw, sign or issue the warrant of Grundy County, against any fund of said County, unless a budget has been adopted by said Quarterly Court as herein provided for; and no warrant shall be valid or binding on the County of Grundy unless the item of expense for which said warrant is drawn shall have been included in a budget adopted according to the provisions hereof.

That the Budget as finally adopted by the Quarterly Court at its July Term each year shall be spread on the Minutes of said Court, and from and after September 1, 1935, no warrants shall be drawn against any of the funds of Grundy County by any official of said County unless and until a budget has been adopted by said Quarterly Court as herein required; provided, that warrants may be issued prior to September 1, 1935, covering any obligations or indebtedness of said County actually incurred prior to that date.

SECTION 7. That it shall be the duty of each Department of the County Government that disburses public funds, or are authorized to issue orders upon which such disbursements are made, from any of the funds of said County, to keep all such bonds and records as will enable them to fully and specifically comply with the provisions of this Act. Each of said departments and officials shall close the books kept by him or them as of the 31st day of August of each year, showing the balance then to his or their credit, said balance to represent the difference between the amount allowed said department in the budget for the year ending on that date, and the aggregate amount of warrants issued and chargeable against said amount allowed in said budget, regardless of whether said warrants have been paid or not; and it shall likewise be the duty of each of said departments and said officials to open his or their books on the first day of September of each year, bringing forward the balance, if any, arrived at in the manner herein provided for, remaining to the credit of said department from the previous year, to which shall be added the amount allowed said department in the budget adopted by the Quarterly Court at its July Term next preceding.

That said book shall be kept in such a manner as to at all times show the amount allowed that department or fund in said budget adopted at the July Term of the Quarterly Court and the amount of all warrants drawn and/or chargeable against said fund, regardless of whether said warrant has been paid or not, said warrants to be posted in said book as the same are issued.

That on the first day of each September hereafter the amount allowed each department or disbursing agency of the County Government or County Fund in said budget shall also be placed at the appropriate place on the stubs in the several Warrant Books containing the warrants to be used by said department or County Agency, in drawing on any of the funds of said County and said amount shall be added to any balance remaining from the previous year; and at the end of each day it shall be the duty of every official issuing warrants of any kind against any such fund, to subtract the aggregate of the warrants issued that day from the previous balance arrived at as herein provided for, and the balance thus arrived at shall be brought forward each day at an appropriate place on the stubs remaining in said Warrant Book; and at the end of each month it shall be the duty of every official drawing warrants against any of the funds of Grundy County, to reconcile the balance to the credit of the fund drawn against as shown on the warrant stubs, with the balance to the credit of said fund as shown by the book required to be kept by said official;

provided that for the year beginning September 1, 1935, the books of each department shall be opened by placing to the credit of each department the amount allowed it in the budget adopted at the July Term 1935, of the Quarterly County Court, without regard to the number of warrants theretofore issued by said departments or the Heads thereof, which have not been paid; and said amount so allowed said department for the year beginning September 1, 1935, shall also be placed at an appropriate place on the stubs of the warrant book used by said department before any warrants are drawn or issued by said department after the beginning of said year, and thereafter the balance from day to day shall be arrived at and carried in said warrant book stubs as herein provided for.

SECTION 8. That it shall be unlawful and a Misdemeanor in Office, for any official or employee of Grundy County to draw, sign, issue, deliver, or to authorize the drawing, signing, issuance or delivery of any warrant against any fund of said County, when the aggregate of the warrant theretofore issued, signed or authorized to be issued, whether the same have been paid by the Trustee or not, equals the amount allowed in the budget adopted by the Quarterly Court to that department or fund of the County against which said warrant would otherwise be chargeable, plus the balance, if any, that may have been brought forward to the credit of such department or fund from the previous year, and it shall also be a misdemeanor in office for any official to sign or issue, or authorize the signing or issuance of a warrant or warrants against any of the funds of Grundy County in excess of the amount allowed said fund in the budget adopted by the Quarterly Court, plus any balance remaining to the credit of such fund from the previous year.

That it shall be the mandatory duty of every official drawing the warrants against any of the funds of said County, to keep advised and know before he signs, issues or delivers any warrants or authority to issue a warrant, whether or not the aggregate of the warrants theretofore issued against said funds out of which said warrant is payable, equals the amount allowed said fund or department in the budget for that year, plus any balance brought forward from the previous year, and it shall be the duty of said Budget Commission before submitting its annual report to the Quarterly Court, to examine the books and records of each department of the County Government for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the warrants issued by or on behalf of any of said departments during the year ending on the preceding August 31, have exceeded the amount allowed said department in the budget adopted in that year, and said Commission shall show in its report to be filed with its budget each year the departments, if any, that have issued warrants or authorized their issuance, in excess of the amounts allowed such department in the budget for said year, and it shall be the mandatory duty of the Quarterly County Court, when it shall appear to their satisfaction that any department has exceeded said budget, to direct the County Court Clerk, by proper order on the Minutes of said Court, to certify the facts to the District Attorney General for presentation to the Grand Jury at the next Term of the Circuit Court; and it shall be the duty of the District Attorney General to present the facts to said Grand Jury and to institute such other proceedings as may be necessary to give full effect to the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 9. That it shall be a Misdemeanor in Office for any County officer, agent or employee, including members of the Grundy County Board of Highway Commissioners, the members of the Grundy County Board of Education, the County Superintendent of Education, the County Judge and/or the County Court Clerk, to violate any of the provisions of this Act or to fail or refuse to do or perform any of the duties placed upon them or any of them by this Act, and any such officer or officers violating any of the provisions of this Act shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars and be subject to removal from office, in any appropriate legal proceeding brought for that purpose.

SECTION 10. That all laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 11. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: April 15, 1935.

County Judge

Private Acts of 1921 Chapter 579

SECTION 1. That there be, and there is hereby created, the office of County Judge, in all Counties in this State, including Grundy County, having a population of more than nine thousand, seven hundred and fifty, but less than nine thousand, seven hundred and fifty-five, according to the Federal Census of 1920, or that may have such population by any subsequent Federal Census.

SECTION 2. That no person shall be eligible to fill the office of County Judge in such Counties, unless he be a bona fide resident of such County, and shall have resided in such County at least two years immediately before his election, and he shall be learned in the law, and thirty, or more years of age.

As amended by: Private Acts of 1923, Chapter 645

SECTION 3. That the Governor appoint and commission a County Judge for said County until September 1, 1922.

SECTION 4. That the General County Election in August, 1922, and at the same time and place, and by the same election officers, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of Grundy County a County Judge, who shall assume and take office on the first Monday in September, 1922, and he, together with his successors, shall hold office for a term of four years, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and in case of a vacancy in said office of County Judge, by death, sickness, or other inability, the office shall be filled, or supplied in the same mode and manner, as provided for other Judges of the State in like cases.

SECTION 5. That said County Judge shall hold and preside over all the County Courts of said County and he is hereby clothed with all the powers, authority, and jurisdiction now possessed and exercised by the Chairman of the County Court of said County, and in addition to the powers and authority therein specifically conferred on said County Judge.

SECTION 6. That the County Courts shall have its sessions as the same time as now provided by law, and the Clerk of the County Court shall continue to be the Clerk of said Court, with all the duties and powers now, or hereafter to be fixed by law.

SECTION 7. That the Governor shall commission all county Judges selected under this Act, in the same manner as other Judges of this State are commissioned.

SECTION 8. That the County Judges of said County, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, and before being commissioned as such, shall take and subscribe to the same oath as now required by law of the Circuit Judges of this State, and shall give bond with good and solvent surety, to be approved by the Circuit Judge of such County in the penalty of two thousand dollars, payable to the State of Tennessee, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of all his duties, and as financial agent and accounting officer of the County, which oath and bond shall be filed in the office of the County Court Clerk, and spread of record on the minutes of the Court.

SECTION 9. That the County Judge of said County be, and is hereby required, between January first, and April the first of each and every year, to make a complete examination and audit of the books and account of every county officer in said County pertaining in any way to their respective offices, including the office of the County Court Clerk, Circuit Court Clerk, Clerk and Master, Registrar, Trustee, Superintendent of Public Instruction for the County, Sheriff, Justices of the Peace and Road Commissioners, and Road Overseers and all other officials, said audit to cover the preceding year, and to effectually accomplish said examinations and audits, said County Judge is hereby given the authority to examine all records of any and all of said offices at any time he may demand, and may require any such officer, or officers by subpoena to appear before him and produce any record pertaining to any office and also examine any such officer on oath touching the conduct of his office, and the records therein, and any such officer failing to obey any such summons, or to produce his books on demand of the County Judge, shall be guilty of contempt of Court, and may be punished accordingly.

SECTION 10. That said Judge of the County Court shall make a written report of his audit and the condition of every County office in said County on or before the first Monday in April of each year; said report, to be made to the whole Quarterly Court, and then spread upon the minutes of the Court, and in event it appears that there has been any defalcation, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in any office, said County Judge shall immediately report that fact to the prosecuting attorney general for the District in which said County is located.

SECTION 11. That said County Judge shall not be precluded from practicing law, except in his own Court and cases appealed from his Court.

SECTION 12. That the County Judge shall have the custody of all books, papers and documents pertaining to his office, and the fiscal affairs of the County, and he shall cause to be entered in a well-bound book to be called the "warrant book" all warrants in the order in which they are issued, giving the number, date, amount, for what purpose and to whom issued, and no money shall be drawn from the County Treasury except on warrant signed by the County Judge and countersigned by the County Court Clerk and no warrant shall be signed or approved by the County Judge in payment of any account against any fund in said Treasury unless fully itemized and sworn to by the claimant, and in case of accounts against the road funds of the County, said itemized statement shall show who did the work, or furnished the material, when and upon what road, and by whose authority, and then approved by the Commissioner of the road district where the labor was performed, or material furnished.

SECTION 13. That the County Judge of said County shall have the power and authority to grant fiats for writs of injunction, and attachments or certiorari and supersedeas, appoint receivers and issue all other extraordinary writs, or authorize their issuance, the same as Chancellors and Circuit Judges of this State

have and possess, and also to hear and determine cases on writs of habeas corpus.

SECTION 14. That the said County Judge shall receive a salary of one thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly out of the general county fund.

SECTION 15. That in event any section, or other portion of this bill should for any reason be declared unconstitutional, such decision by the Courts, shall in no way effect the remaining part and the operation of same.

SECTION 16. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby repealed and that this Act take effect from and after January first 1922, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed: March 31, 1921.

Administration - Historical Notes

County Executive

The references below are of acts which once applied to the office of county judge, or county executive in Grundy County. They are included herein for historical purposes only.

1. Private Acts of 1951, Chapter 90, recited in the preamble to the Act that the administrative duties of the County Judge had become very heavy and burdensome and, further, that he is called upon to perform many ex-officio duties and furthermore, the Quarterly County Court has approved an allowance of \$800 per year for the Judge as compensation for the aforesaid tasks, therefore, this Act authorizes the above amount to be paid to the County Judge in accordance with the terms herein as compensation for his extra duties and responsibilities.
2. Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 85, recites substantially the same facts in the preamble as above except that \$600 has been appropriated by the Quarterly Court as an allowance for the Judge and this Act increases the salary of the County Judge as the fiscal agent and administrative officer of the County and as compensation for the ex-officio duties the Judge is compelled to perform by \$600 per year, making a total salary of \$2,400, all to be paid out of the general funds of the County.

County Legislative Body

The following acts once applied to the quarterly court or the county legislative body of Grundy County and are included herein for historical purposes.

1. Private Acts of 1843-44, Chapter 204, which created Grundy County, required the Quarterly Court, once elected to meet at Beersheba Springs until the County Seat was selected and prepared or until the Court decided to adjourn into another place.
2. Private Acts of 1921, Chapter 358, provided that all Justices of the Peace in Grundy County would be paid \$2.50 per day for the first day of any court term plus their mileage allowance but they would be compensated at the rate of \$2.00 only for any days after the first one.
3. Private Acts of 1955, Chapter 82 provided that the Justices of the Peace of Grundy County would receive ten dollars for each day's attendance upon the Quarterly County Court. In addition the Justices would receive twenty cents per mile traveling expense for each mile traveled between their home and the county seat.

Purchasing

The following acts once affected the purchasing procedures of Grundy County, but are no longer operative. Also referenced below are acts which repeal prior law without providing new substantive provisions.

1. Acts of 1845-46, Chapter 172, appointed A. E. Patton, Solomon P. Goodman, William B. Smart, Noah Bass, and John T. Neal, of Bedford County, as Commissioners to locate the County seat of Grundy County. It was their duty to locate the County seat in the center of the county, or as near thereto as possible, having due regard to the locality for its water supply. It was made the duty of the County Court of Grundy County to make an allowance out of any money, unappropriated by law for their services in this regard.
2. Acts of 1847-48, Chapter 96, established Altamont as the County seat of Grundy County. Greek Bawley, John Fultz, Noah Bass, Robert Tate, and Thomas Burrus were appointed as Commissioner to sell the lots in the town according to the plan on which they were laid off and to apply the proceeds to the construction of the necessary public buildings. James Tate, who has already built a house on one of the lots, may dispose of the same and retain the price received. The several courts of the County would be held at the house of Jesse Wooten until suitable arrangements

could be made to have them meet in Altamont.

3. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 140, provided that Grundy County shall belong to the Shelbyville Bank District, and shall have one Director in the Branch of the Bank of Tennessee at Shelbyville, provided, however, that the number of Directors in the Branch for Bedford County shall not be reduced.
4. Acts of 1853-54, Chapter 184, incorporates Altamont under the Mayor - Aldermen form of Charter and government, conferring upon the newly fashioned city all the authority and privileges incidental to municipal types of corporate institutions. The Sheriff, or a Constable, will hold an election within the boundaries of that city on the first Saturday in March, next, for the purpose of electing five Aldermen who would choose one of their number to be Mayor.
5. Acts of 1857-58, Chapter 126, abolished the office of Entry Taker in Lawrence, DeKalb, White, Macon, Decatur, Grundy, Humphreys, and Wilson Counties. The Surveyors in those counties will hereafter perform the duties of the Entry Taker and receive all the pay and emoluments normally given to the Entry Taker. This Act was repealed insofar as Grundy County was involved by the one below.
6. Acts of 1861-62, Chapter 11, repealed Chapter 126, Acts of 1857-58, insofar as that Act applied to Grundy County thus restoring the office of Entry Taker.
7. Acts of 1867-68, Chapter 65, created a County Commission composed of three members who would serve three year, staggered terms of office, so that one would be elected each year, and who would be sworn and bonded. The remaining members would be the ones to fill any vacancy until the next general election. The Commission was required to hold quarterly meetings of which the County Court Clerk would keep records. All the powers of the County Court plus some others enumerated in this Act were granted to the County Commissioners. All Magistrates were stripped of all their duties, responsibilities and powers. No Commissioner could be interested in any public work, scheme, or contract. Section 14 extended the provisions of this Act to Coffee and Grundy Counties where the Grundy Chairman would be paid \$150 per year and the Commissioners would receive \$100.
8. Acts of 1869-70, Chapter 49, repealed the Act passed March 12, 1869, which created a Board of County Commissioners for Madison County and all other Acts which created these Boards in the past. All Acts which may have been repealed by those creating these Boards for any county expressly or impliedly, are hereby revived and restored to effectiveness.
9. Acts of 1870, Chapter 15, Section 4, repealed the Act which created a Board of County Commissioners in Grundy County, and elsewhere, and reinstated the County Judge law all over the State for all the counties which had them prior to the passage of this Act.
10. Acts of 1870, Chapter 119, repealed every Act in the State which created a Board of County Commissioners and restored all laws which may have been repealed by them.
11. Acts of 1870-71, Chapter 30, declared that the Elk River lying in Grundy County and running from the Franklin County line to the Big Spring near John Burroughs to be navigable. The question of whether or not the County Court should levy a tax to produce funds with which to remove the obstructions from the river must be submitted to the vote of the people in a referendum for that purpose. If approved, the tax money would be collected by the County Trustee who would pay the same out on the warrant of three Commissioners who would be appointed by the Quarterly Court to oversee the work.
12. Acts of 1897, Chapter 124, regulated the salaries of the County officials of all the counties according to the population of that County. This Act was among the first to do this and served as a model for those which followed. The salary would be paid out of the fees of the office and each office holder was required to submit sworn, itemized, monthly reports to the County Judge or Chairman. The fees were declared to be the property of the counties, and the salaries would not exceed the fees. Deputies could be appointed only as the County Court authorized and these were to conform to the schedule for each population group contained in this law. This Act was tested in the courts in the case of Weaver v. Davidson County (1900), 104 Tenn. 315, 59 S.W. 1105.
13. Private Acts of 1963, Chapter 217, authorized, empowered, and directed the Quarterly Court to create a Purchasing Commission which would have and exercise the powers set forth in the Act. The Commission would consist of three members who would be elected by the County Court for one year terms. They would be paid \$10 per day not to exceed 20 days per year and would assume primarily the functions of the Purchasing Agent, and the County Judge in this respect. This Act was rejected by the Quarterly Court of Grundy County and, therefore, never became

effective as a law under the Home Rule Amendment to the State Constitution.

14. Private Acts of 1973, Chapter 56, provided that any person desiring to construct, or alter, any building in Grundy County which construction, or alterations, would cost more than \$2,000 must apply on the form specified in the Act to the Tax Assessor of Grundy County for a permit to do so. The Tax Assessor will issue the permit and take note of the proposed construction, or alteration, for tax records. The property was not to be reassessed until completion of the work for which the permit was issued when the permit was required to be returned to the Tax Assessor within thirty days, or a penalty of \$5.00 be levied against the permittee. This law did not apply to cities where a building permit was already required. The Tax Assessor could charge a fee of \$5.00 for this service. The County was empowered to start appropriate legal proceedings when this Act was not observed and all public utilities were prohibited from furnishing their services to the location until the owner, or occupant, complied. This Act was likewise rejected by the Quarterly County Court of Grundy County and never became a law.

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