

Sec 1. Be it enacted by the people of the state of Illinois represented in the General Assembly, That all that part of the new County of Warren, lying West of Range three West of the fourth principal Meridian, be and the same is hereby created into a new County to be called the County of Henderson

Sec 2. The county seat of said county of Henderson shall be and is hereby permanently located at the town of Ogwawoka in said County of Henderson; provided the proprietors of said town of Ogwawoka, shall donate and convey to the County Commissioners of Henderson County (for the time being) for the use and benefit of said county in fee simple not less than two hundred of the average unsold or unimproved lots in said town of Ogwawoka, the proceeds of the sale of said town lots or so much thereof as may be required shall be appropriated exclusively to the erection of public buildings

Sec 3. In case of the removal of the county seat from said town of Ogwawoka, the public buildings & lots upon which they may stand shall revert & become the property of said proprietors, and thenceforth forever thereafter, and also all lots remaining unsold at the time of removal

Sec 4. The legal voters of the County of Henderson shall meet at the usual places



of holding elections in said county, on the first Monday of April 1841 & proceed to elect all county <sup>officers</sup> excepting one County Commissioner, and the Justices of the Peace and Constables at present residing therein, who shall continue to discharge the duties of their offices respectively, in and for the County of Henderson, in the same manner as though Warren County had not been divided. The officers elected under the provisions of this act, shall hold their offices until the next regular elections and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec 5. The County Commissioners of said County of Henderson shall meet on the first Monday of April 1841, and after being duly qualified, shall proceed to hold Court and perform such duties as are required by law of other County Commissioners Courts; Of the Commissioners elected under the provisions of this Act, the one receiving the highest number of votes, shall hold his office for the term of three years from and after the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in August next, the one receiving the second highest number of votes shall hold his office for the term of two years from and after that period.

Sec 6. The County Commissioners of said County shall whenever in their opinion, the interest of said County may demand & require



the sale of the whole or any part of the lots donated as aforesaid proceed to sell the same in such manner, and on such terms as they may deem most advisable for the interests of said County.

Sec 7 The election returns for the Officers herein provided to be elected, shall be made in the same manner, and within the same time as all other elections, except that the returns shall be made to John B. Patterson an acting Justice of the Peace of said County, or in case of his death, or inability to act, any other Justice of the Peace of said County, who shall call to his assistance two other Justices of the Peace of said County, & proceed to open the returns of the election and in all things perform the duties required of the Clerk of the County Commissioners Courts and Justices of the Peace in like cases.

Sec 8. The County Commissioners Court at their first term to be holden on the third Monday of April 1841, shall proceed together with the proprietors of said town of Oquawka to select the numbers of town lots herein before provided to be donated, and so soon as the selection shall be made and agreed upon, the proprietors shall immediately thereupon execute a deed in fee simple for said lots to the County Commissioners for the time being for the use and benefit of said County; which



deed when so made, and acknowledged and received, shall be entered upon the records of said Court, and also, <sup>be</sup> recorded as other deeds are in the Office of the County Recorder. Sec 9 The School Commissioners of Warren County shall pay over to the County Commissioners of Henderson County upon demand being made by the said County Commissioners, or their legally constituted agent all moneys, notes and other papers which may be in his hands at the time of such demand, and which may rightfully belong to said County of Henderson, by reason of the sale of any school lands located within the County of Henderson; and also its <sup>proper</sup> proportion of the interest arising from the School, College & Seminary fund, the basis of which payment shall be made upon the late Census of Warren County.

Sec 10 All officers elected under and pursuant to the provisions of this Act, shall be required to take such oath or affirmation and give such bond and security, as are or may be required of like Officers in other Counties, and for a failure so to do, the same penalties and forfeitures shall apply as in similar cases under the laws of this state.



Sec 11. It shall be the duty of the County  
Commissioners Court of the County of  
Harrison at their first meeting on the  
third Monday of April next as is  
provided in the fifth section of this Act  
to proceed to levy a tax for State and  
County purposes as is required by the  
laws in relation to the public revenues  
in the same manner as though they  
had met on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March  
as now required, and shall also do  
and perform all other things necessary  
and lawful to insure the collection of  
the State and County revenue in said  
County of Harrison

Passed An Ordinance Nov 28/40  
The Board of County

Passed House Reps  
January 18<sup>th</sup> 1841  
Harrison M. H. R.











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Senate

A Bill for an  
Act to establish  
the County of  
Henderson

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