

December session 1862

The foregoing report of viewers having passed the requisite number of readings the present session the commissioners declare that part of the road therein recommended a public highway and direct that the supervisors through whose districts ~~through~~ said road is located to open and work said road according to law

June Session 1863

Alteration of road leading from Harnsville to Uniontown Also for an Alteration of the County Road leading from St. Clansville to Cadiz

Petition

To the honorable Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio. We the undersigned petitioners pray your honorable body for a view and location of an alteration in the County Road leading from Harnsville to Uniontown, Commencing near the section line between the lands of William Patton and George Frater, in Wheeling Township, running a westerly course on or near the line between George Henderson and George Frater to the County Road leading from St. Clansville to Cadiz Also for an alteration in so much of the County Road leading from St. Clansville to Cadiz Commencing at the last named point on or near the line between the lands of George Henderson and David Henderson to where the grade leading from New Athens intersects the above named Road

Signed by Wm. Lamm and Twenty Six others

The Commissioners being satisfied that a legal course had been taken by said petitioners and bond having been given by George Henderson and John Bickham, the conditions of said bond being that if the said Road was not established the bondsmen obligate themselves to pay all cost that may accrue

The following persons was then appointed as viewers John Sharps, William Campbell and David Lyle and Saul Mc Ruggles Surveyor, and instructed to meet at the house of George Henderson on the 20th day of June the day appointed for said survey, and make report in writing to the Commissioners at their next Session in writing

And at the present September Session said Viewers made the following report

To the Commissioners of Belmont County We the undersigned having been appointed by you to view the ground for the alteration of a road in Wheeling Township through the lands of George Henderson and others met at the time and place designated in your order and after being duly qualified according to law agreed to act as chairmen ourselves and also as examiners and proceeded with Saul Mc Ruggles a Surveyor to examine the ground for said

Alteration as near the route set forth in the order as practicable, for a description of which you are referred to the surveyors plot of said alteration returned to your office. We are of the opinion that said alteration is of sufficient public utility to justify its establishment and do therefore recommend that the same be established as a public Road 30 feet wide. The written application for damages herewith returned having ^{been} presented to us and duly considered without reference to any advantages that said applicants may derive from the opening of said road do assess damages for the property appropriated as follows

No damages claimed. We also agree that the lands of the persons herein named are rendered less valuable by the opening of said Road as follows

Time occupied	Opus &c	} Viewers
Viewers 1 day each	John Sharp	
	William Campbell	
	David Lyle	

At the present (Sept) Session, the foregoing report of Viewers having passed the requisite number of readings the Commission grants the prayer of the petitioners and orders the Auditor to give the Supervisors order to make the said alteration.

June Session 1863
 New Road Commencing near the residence of James
 Marshall

Petition

We the undersigned Citizens of Belmont County would respectfully pray the Honorable Board of Commissioners of said County of Belmont that they will at their annual meeting in June next cause the necessary Survey &c to be made for the locating and establishing of a new County Road to commence at the old Road on Cumberland run at a point near the residence of James Marshall thence in an easterly direction through the lands of said Joseph Marshall and George and Adam Seales to the old road known as the Dillie Bottom Road and also we would further pray that so much of said Dillie Bottom Road as lies between the intersection of the New Road and the McSpockens Creek Road on the lands of Isaac Meek be vacated signed by Isaac Meek and forty two others

The Commissioners being satisfied that a legal course had been pursued by said petitioners and Bond having been given by Isaac Meek and James Irwin conditions of said Bond being that if the said road is not established then the bondsmen are held and bound to pay into the treasury all costs that may accrue. The Commissioners appointed the following Viewers Joseph Kuffman Robert Pratt and William Nichol and James McMillen as Surveyor said Viewers to meet at the home of James Marshall on the 20th day of June 1863

At the present (left) session the Viewers appointed at the June session made the following report

To the Commissioners of Belmont County
 We the Undersigned having been appointed by you to view the Ground for the establishment of a road in Richland Township through the lands of James Marshall and James and Adam Seales and others. Met at the time and place designated in your order, and after being duly qualified according to law took to our aid Isaac Meek and Adam Seales as Chairmen and George Seales as Assessors and proceeded with James McMillen as Surveyor to examine the ground and locate said Road as near the Route set forth in the order as practicable, for a description of which you are referred to the Surveyors plot of said Road returned to your office

He is of opinion that said Road is of sufficient public Utility to justify its establishment. And do therefore recommend that the same be established as a public highway thirty three feet wide

The written application for damages, herewith returned having been presented to us and duly considered without reference to any advantages that said applicants may derive from the opening of said road do assess damages for the property appropriated as follows, to James Marshall the only claimant for damages we have allowed fifty dollars. We also agree that the lands of the persons herein named are rendered fifty dollars less valuable by the opening of said Road as follows

One hundred and seventeen rods through the lands of said James Marshall, We also further agree to vacate the Dillies Bottom Road from the intersection of the new road to McMechens Creek

Time occupied	Opus &c	
Diener 2 days each	Joseph Kuffman	} Viewers
Chamman 1 " "	Robert Watt	
Astern 1 " "	William Nichol	

The following is James Marshall written application for damage returned by the Viewers

I James Marshall do hereby claim that in consequence of the location of a County Road ordered by the Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio to be viewed and surveyed starting from a point on Cumberland Run Road and running in an easterly direction through my premises to the extent of one hundred and seventeen rods in consequence of which I will be obliged to build some three hundred fannels of extra fence; also hampering my building ground and cutting off a portion of my Orchard for which I claim damages to the amount of one hundred dollars

At the present (Sept) session the foregoing Report and accompanying paper having been read the requisite number of times the Commissioners granted the prayer of the petitioner and ordered the Auditor to give the Supervisor or Supervisors to have said road opened as a public highway 33 feet wide, Commissioners also vacated so much of the Dillies bottom road as described in the petition. The Commissioners also allowed James Marshall fifty dollars damages arising from the opening of said road and the Auditor authorized to draw an order on the County Treasury in his favor for said amount

June Session 1863

Petition for vacating Road presented at June Session 1863

To the Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio
We the undersigned petitioners pray your honorable body to vacate the County road commencing at the bottom of the hill west of James R. McKillens running thence an easterly direction through the lands of James and Hugh McKillens Jesse B. McGee and the heirs of William Campbell Dec to intersect the County road running past Jacob Reeper to McClainville

Signed by Jacob Reeper and 13 others

At the present (September) Session no objections having been presented, and the petition having been read the requisite number of times the Commissioners granted the prayer of the petitioners and ordered that so much of said road as described in said petition be vacated

March Session 1864

Petition for an Alteration of a Road in Colerain Twp

To the Commissioners of Belmont County
We the undersigned petitioners ask of you to appoint and send out viewers on a proposed Road beginning at or near Samuel P. Pickens home on the Plank road thence through the field on the north side of the hill round to the old road east of the house occupied by John Pickens formerly (now by a nigger) at or near the line between S. R. Pickens and J. Brandy thence through the land now owned by J. Brandy to the old road leading past the meeting house, by the best practical route and vacating the old road over the hill and all other made useless by said road

Signed by Elisha Sednell & 30 others

Board appointed Geo. Pyle, Arch. Mapes & J. D. Mitchell & Thomas Mitchell Surveyors

June 1864

To the Commissioners of Belmont County

We the undersigned having been appointed by you to view the ground for the alteration of a Road in Colerain Township through the lands of Pickers & Bundy met at the time and place designated in your order and after being qualified according to law took to our aid E Bracken & Mr Sharon Chairmen and Nathan Steer Ataman and proceeded with John Mitchell as Surveyor to examine the ground and locate said Road as near the route set forth in the order as practicable for a description of which you are referred to the surveyors plat of said road returned to your office. We are of opinion that said road is of sufficient public utility to justify its establishment and do therefore recommend that the same be established as a public Road

No written application for damage was presented

We also agree that the lands of the persons herein named are rendered \$200 less valuable by the opening of said road as follows Josiah Bundy \$75 S Pickers \$125

Yours &c

James O'Connell

Thomas Pyrie

Went 2 days each

Archibald Meadors

J D Mitchell

And now at the present June session the foregoing report having been read the requisite number of times the Commissioners granted the prayer of the petitioners and ordered the Auditor to give the necessary order to have the road opened as a public highway 40 feet wide. Board also ordered that the old road described in the petition shall be vacated

December 1864

Petition presented for the Alteration of a Road
in Somerset St Belmont County Ohio

To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners
of Belmont County Ohio

We the undersigned Citizens of said County do
humbly pray your Honorable body, that you grant an
Alteration in the Road running from Temperanceville
to Somerset, Commencing about 3 rods South of the
same running through the farm formerly belonging
to B B Atkinson Decd. Now owned by Henry Shry
And to relocate the road leading from Boston to Barnesville
at a Knocking tree at the East side of said farm,
And to vacate that portion of the road running from
the starting point to the Cross Roads.

We the undersigned Citizens are of the opinion
that said Alteration will be a benefit to the public and
we pray your honorable body to grant said Alteration &
signed by Wm Atkinson J B Porter Wm B Daniel
and thirty five others

The following persons were appointed to view the
ground for said Alteration & location
John McDaniel James Barge & William Repton
and John Jeffries Surveyor

March 1865

Report of persons appointed on the foregoing petition

We the undersigned having been appointed by you to view
the ground for the location of a road in Somerset St
through the lands of Henry Shry and others. met at the
time and place designated in your order and after
being duly qualified according to law took to our
aid John Henderson & Wm Atkinson as Chasmen
and Thos E Shry as Opponents and proceeded with
John McDaniel as Surveyor to examine the ground and
locate said road as near the route set forth in the
order as practicable for a description of which you are
referred to the Surveyors field of said Road returned to
your office. We are of opinion that said road is of sufficient
public utility to justify its establishment and do therefore
recommend that the same be established as a public road
40 feet wide. No damages asked

We also agree that the lands of Henry Shry are rendered
more valuable by the opening of said Road

John McDaniel }
James Barge }
Wm B Repton }
Commissioners

And then at the Special Session of the Commissioners the foregoing report having been read the requisite number of times And any objections having been made by the prayer of the petition should not be granted Therefore it is ordered that said Road shall be adopted and is hereby declared to be a public highway thirty feet wide And that so much of the old road as is described in the petition shall be located, And that the Auditor give the necessary order for having this order executed

June Session 1865

Petition presented for the Alteration of the Road running Along the Ohio River in Putney Township

To the Commissioners of Belmont County State of Ohio

The undersigned Citizens of Putney and Mead Townships would respectfully ask that a review and location of a Road be granted as follows Commencing at the County Bridge across McMakens run thence in a northerly direction through the lands of Randal Austin Jacob Rhoades Jacob Heathington and John Finks pursuing a route along the hillside upon the best available ground and terminating in the Street in South Bellair connecting with the Bridge across McMakens Creek

March 8th 1865. Signed by
 Relt & Ruthy Graft Ryan of Graft and
 Eighteen others

The following names were appointed to view the ground for said alteration
 William Greener John Johnson and James Presey and
 Hugh McMillen Surveyor

Report of Viewers on foregoing Petition

To the Commissioners of Belmont County

We the undersigned having been appointed by you to view the ground for the Alteration of a Road in Putney Township through the lands of Randal Austin Jacob Rhoades Jacob Heathington and John Finks. Met at the time and place designated in your order, and after being duly qualified according to law took to our aid Relt Patterson & I acted as Chairman and Francis Greenwood as witness and proceeded with James McMillen as Surveyor to examine the ground and locate

Said Road, as near the route set forth in the order as practicable for a description of which you are referred to the Surveyors plat of said road returned to your office

We are of opinion that said Road is of sufficient public utility to justify its establishment and do recommend that the same be established as a public Road 40 feet wide

The written applications herewith returned having been presented to us and duly considered without reference to any advantages that said applicants may derive from the opening of said Road, do assess damages for the property appropriated as follows

Randal Austin	\$225 ⁰⁰
Jacob Rodefer	150.
Jacob Weatherington	3000.
John Frank	350

We also agree that the lands of the persons herein named are rendered \$1000 less valuable by the opening of said Road as follows Jacob Weatherington \$1000⁰⁰

Time occupied	Yung & c	} Pienes
Pienes 1 day each	James Kelsey	
Chairman 1 " "	William Greenlee	
Assessors 1 " "	John Johnson	

And then at the June Session of the Commissioners the foregoing report having been read the requisite number of times, and no objections having been made why the prayer of the petition should not be granted, therefore it is ordered that said road shall be adopted and is hereby declared to be a public Highway 40 feet wide. And it is further ordered that the County Auditor issue his warrant in favor of the Claimants for the amount of Compensation and damages awarded to them respectively by said Pienes, And that the County Auditor issue in the name of the Board the necessary order to the Trustees of Pultry Township for opening said Road

September Session 1866

Petition presented praying for the Alteration of the road leading from the house of David Brown to the National Road

To the Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio

We the undersigned Citizens and freeholders of Richland Township who travel the road below mentioned, do hereby petition the Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio praying for a Change of the location of the County road leading from Little McMahonys Creek to the National Road commencing at the dwelling home of David Brown and running eastwardly to the National Road through the lands of said Brown and John Stewart distance about 27 rods, And locating that portion of the old road that ^{now} leads from said Brown to the National Road distance about 23 rods

David Brown	Garrison White
John Stewart	Alex Wiley
W Stewart	Arch Giffen
P Sidnell	John Marshall
J R Grimes	Alb Cunningham
James Chute	Alexander Stitt
John McCann	Daniel Ault
Geo Ault	Henry Ream
G B Gessel	
James Orr	

The following Comtee was appointed to view said alteration, Nicholas Cooper Joseph Woodmansee and William Hertz with Saul W Ruggles as Surveyor.

Report of Comtee on said Alteration

To the Board of Commissioners of Belmont County Ohio

The undersigned Comtee of a proposed alteration of a County Road, petitioned for by David Brown & others submit the following report

That in pursuance of the order issued to them they with Saul W Ruggles the Surveyor of said Road met at the time and place specified in said order to wit on the 15th day of September, 1866. at said Brown residence, at 10 O'Clock A M. and being first duly sworn proceeded to the discharge of the duties of their appointment, that they selected and took to their aid Robt E Stewart & Francis McCornell as Chain Carriers who were also sworn to discharge the duties of their appointment

That they fixed as the initial point for said alteration a stake in the center of the road

proposed to be altered opposite the South east corner of said David Brown dwelling house at a Stake and starting thence laid out said Alteration and caused the same to be surveyed and marked along the following described route, N 55 1/2° E 15.82 rods to a Stake, thence N 5 1/2° E 5 rods to a Stake, thence N 44° E 6 rods to a Stake; thence N 30 1/2° E 3 rods to a Stake on the South side of the National road being on the route proposed by the petitioners;

That they are of opinion that said road ought to be established, because the public Convenience requires it. And a good road has been made along the line surveyed by said Brown, and that that part of the old road extending from said central point to the National Road ought to be created. They are of further opinion that the public Convenience will be fully subserved if said alteration is established 30 feet in width.

Given under our hand this 15th day of Sept. 1866
 Creases 1 day each }
 Chanceries 1 day each }
 Archibald Leitch
 Joseph Woodman
 Wm Meete

And now at the December Session of the Board the foregoing report having been read on the different days of the Session; it was ordered that the report be approved and the proposed alteration established a public highway 30 feet in width and that the old road described in the report be created. Whereupon Charles W. Amick gave notice that he would appeal to the Probate Court of said County from the final order of the Board of Commissioners in this case. And filed his bond as provided by law to secure the payment of costs given on account of said appeal.

And now on the 9th day of April 1867 the Probate Judge of Belmont County having furnished the Auditor with a Certified transcript of the proceedings had before him in the foregoing case, as provided by law, and the final order of said court being as follows

David Brown et al }
 vs } Appeal from the County
 Chas W Amick } Commissioners
 in relation to a County Road

The Juries appointed in this case having reported in favor of the ret attachment of said road and it appearing upon examination, that said report and the proceedings of said Juries are substantially legal the same are affirmed and Confirmed. And it further appearing that said report and proceedings substantially coincide with the order of the Commissioners appealed from it is ordered and Considered by the Court that the State of Ohio recover against the said Charles McAnis the sum of \$56.32 being the amount of Costs created by his said Appeal. So the order and finding of the Court confirming the report and proceedings of the Juries in this case the defendant by his Counsel objects.

C. W. Carroll
Probate Judge

Therefore on the 12th day of April 1867 an order was issued to the Sheriffs of Richmond Township to open said road according to law