

Record of proceedings in the matter of the John Jones Ditch Improvement, petitioned for by John Jones and located in Union Township, Madison County, Ohio.

Petition.

London, Ohio, March 10, 1898. Petition for location, construction and tiling of a ditch.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners Madison County, Ohio. The undersigned owners of lots and land which will be drained or benefited by the improvement herein prayed for, hereby make application to your honorable body and now file with the Auditor of said County, this, their petition, and now and hereby pray for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth.

The necessity for and the benefits of the improvement so prayed for is that it will drain and reclaim the lands along the line thereof and adjacent thereto, and will promote the public health, convenience and welfare.

The following is the beginning, route and termini of said proposed improvement, to wit: Commencing on the land of Jno. Jones; Thence in a general southerly direction through the lands of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of Little Miami railroad a distance of about 45 rods; thence crossing said rail road through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said rail road. Union Tp. Madison Co. O.

The names of all persons and corporations, either public or private, who in the opinion of the petitioners are in any way affected or benefited thereby are as follows:

Jno. Jones
 Little Miami R. R. Co.
 P. C. C. St. L. R. R. Co.
 Mrs. A. M. Morse
 Mrs. Nancy Carr.

John Jones } Petitioners.
 J. C. J.

Petitioner's Bond.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Jno. Jones as principal, and John Jones, H. G. J. Fillmore Jackson, Horace G. Jones and Frank Jones as sureties, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Ohio in the penal sum of Two hundred Dollars, good and lawful money, for which we bind ourselves, and our heirs, executors and administrators.

Signed by us and dated this 10th day of March, A. D. 1898. The condition of the above obligation is such, nevertheless, that, whereas, on the 10th day of March A. D. 1898, the above bounden Jno Jones made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County and he petitioned for location, construction and tiling of a ditch in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, on the following route and termini, to wit:

Commencing on the land of Jno. Jones. Thence in a general southerly direction through the land of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of Little Miami R. R. a distance of about 45 rods; Thence crossing said road through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said rail road. Union Tp. Madison Co. O.

Now if the above bounden Jno. Jones shall pay all costs if the prayer of said petition be not granted, or if for any other cause the same shall be dismissed, then this obligation shall be void.

The above bond and the sureties thereon, are approved by me this 9th day of March A. D. 1898.

H. D. Wilson
County Auditor
Clark.

{ John Jones, H. G. J.
Fillmore Jackson
Horace G. Jones
Frank Jones

Notice To Commissioners.
Of Petition Filed^{4th} Time for Hearing.

Office of Auditor of Madison County, O., March 9th, 1898.
Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that a petition and Bond for a Ditch improvement has been filed in this office on the 9th day of March, 1898, a copy of which petition is attached below; and as required by law I have fixed the 31st day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the beginning of said proposed ditch described in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.

H. D. Wilson, Auditor.

per B.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

Loudon, Ohio, March 9th, 1898, Petition for location, construction and tiling of a Ditch.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners, Madison County, Ohio.

The undersigned owners of lots and land which will be drained or benefited by the improvement herein prayed for, hereby make application to your honorable body, and now file with the Auditor of said County, this, their petition, and now and hereby pray for the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the route hereinafter set forth. The necessity for and the benefits of the improvements so prayed for is that it will drain and reclaim the lands along the line thereof and adjacent thereto, and will promote the public health, convenience and welfare. The following is the beginning, route and termini of said proposed improvement, to wit:

Commencing on the lands of John Jones; Thence in a general southerly direction through the lands of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of the Little Miami Railroad a distance of about 45 rods; Thence crossing said railroad through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said railroad. All of said ditch is in Union Tp., Madison, Co., Ohio.

The names of all persons and corporations, either public or private, who in the opinion of the petitioners are in any way affected or benefited thereby are as follows:

John Jones

Mrs. A. M. Morse

Little Miami Railroad Co.

Mrs. Nancy Carr.

P. C. C. St. L. R. R. Co.

John Jones } Petitioner.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 9th day of March, 1898.

H. D. Wilson, County Auditor

Per B.

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Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, March 9th, 1898.

Board of Commissioners meet today in Regular Quarterly Session pursuant to adjournment of March 8th, 1898.
Members Present, S. S. Robbins, James Withrow and Jas. B. Anderson.
In the matter of The }
Ditch Improvement } Notice of filing of petition and time for view.
Petitioned for by John Jones.

The County Auditor having given due notice to the Board of the filing of a petition, signed by John Jones, praying for the location, construction and filling of a ditch along the following described route, to wit: Commencing on the lands of John Jones; Thence in a general southerly direction through the lands of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of The Little Miami Railroad a distance of about 45 rods; Thence crossing said railroad through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said railroad.

All of said ditch in Union Tp., Madison County, Ohio.

And it appearing that said petitioner has given bond as required by law, which has been duly approved by the Auditor and the Auditor having fixed the 31st day of March, 1898, as the time for hearing said petition.

It is therefore ordered that said Board meet at said time at the beginning of said proposed ditch improvement, to hear proof of any and all parties affected by said improvement and others competent to testify and examine said route and determine the necessity of said improvement.

On motion for the approval of the foregoing order, the roll being called each member voted "Aye".

S. S. Robbins }
James Withrow } Commissioners
Jas. B. Anderson } of
Madison County.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
March 9th A. D. 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement }
Petitioned for by John Jones. } Notice to Lot or Land Owners.

To the Lot or Land Owners and to the Corporations, Either Public or Private, affected by said Improvement:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that on the 9th day of March A. D. 1898, John Jones, filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for the location, construction and tiling of a Ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing on the lands of John Jones; Thence in a general southerly direction through the lands of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of the Little Miami Railroad a distance of about 45 rods; Thence crossing said railroad through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said railroad. All of said ditch is in Union Twp., Madison County, Ohio.

You are also notified that the following time and place have been fixed when and where the Commissioners of said County will meet for the hearing of said petition, to wit: Thursday, March 31st, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the beginning of said proposed improvement, for the purpose of hearing any and all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said ditch improvement, whether the said ditch will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; and whether the route described is the best route, and any and all objections to said proposed ditch improvement. Any application for compensation or damage, or for any change of route, must be in writing and filed with the Commissioners on or before the day set for hearing.

No further notice of any proceedings in this matter will be given.

H. D. Wilson,

Auditor of Madison County.

Per Geo. H. Clark.

Deputy.

The State of Ohio, } Proof of Notice.
Madison County, ss: }

On this 16th day of March A.D. 1898, personally appeared before the undersigned authority Scott Cheweth who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he served the annexed and above notice on the respective parties herein named by delivering to each a true copy thereof, except such as have waived the service thereof by placing their signature hereto.

Name of Person Served	How Served	When Served
John Jones	Personally	March 12, 1898.
M. Rader, Agt. P.C. & St. L.R.R. Co.	"	" 14, "
Mrs. A. M. Morse	"	" 14, "
Mrs. Nancy Carr	"	" 14, "
Mrs. Jennie Turner	"	" 14, "

And further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to by Scott Cheweth before me and by him subscribed in my presence this 16th day of March A.D. 1898.

Geo. H. Clark.

Deputy Auditor.

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Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, April 5th, 1898.

Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session.
Present S. S. Robbins, James Hithrow and Jas. B. Anderson.

In the matter of The
Ditch Improvement Peti- } Meeting to view.
-tioned for by John Jones }

The Board having proceeded on the 31st day of March, 1898, to the place of beginning of said improvement as prayed for in said petition, and having then and there heard proof of parties affected by said improvement and others competent to testify, in accordance with the former order of this Board, as to said matter, and having duly considered the matter, do find and determine that said improvement is necessary, and will be a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof, by furnishing drainage thereto, and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and that the best route therefor is as follows:

Commencing on the lands of John Jones: Thence in a general southerly direction through the lands of said Jones a distance of about 60 rods; Thence in an easterly direction on the north side of The Little Miami Rail Road a distance of about 45 rods Thence crossing said Rail Road through a culvert and terminating at the head of a tile ditch on the south side of said Rail Road.

All of said ditch in Union Tp. Madison County, Ohio. Board also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person benefited or affected by said improvement.

It is therefore ordered that said ditch be located as called for in petition down about 15 rods on Mrs. Nancy Carrs land, tile to be 6 inch, and if necessary said 6 inch ditch to be taken up far enough to give a good and sufficient outlet.

Said ditch to be known as the John Jones Ditch Improvement.

Order to County Surveyor.

It is therefore ordered that H. L. McLafferty, County Surveyor, go upon the line of said improvement and survey and level the same, and set a stake at every 100 feet numbering down stream, note the intersection of lines and boundaries of lands, township and county lines, land marks and bench marks and road and railway crossings; and make a report and profile, and plat of the same, and estimate the number of cubic yards of earth or other substance to be removed, and the cost per cubic yard for each working

section, and of each section of one hundred feet. It is also ordered that said Engineer make and return a schedule of all lots and lands, and public^{ly} corporate roads, municipal corporations, and railroads that will be benefited by said improvement and an apportionment of the cost of location and construction, in money, to each lot and tract of land, road and rail road and municipal corporation, according to the benefits which will result to each from the said improvement, and a specification of the manner in which the improvement shall be made and completed, the amount and size of tile necessary and the estimated cost of the same.

Said Engineer is also ordered to make and file with his report an itemized bill of all costs made in the proper discharge of his duties under this order.

Said Engineer shall report his proceedings to this Board on Wednesday, April 6th, 1893 and all interested parties are notified accordingly.

It is further ordered that the time and place last above mentioned is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for damages arising from said improvement, and of claims for compensation for lands taken for the construction thereof, to which time and place the proceedings herein now stand adjourned.

S. S. Robbins	} Commissioners
James H. Athrow	
Jas. B. Anderson	
	of
	Madison County,

Ditch Improvement Record,

John Jones

Ditch.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

April 6, A.D. 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement } Report and Schedules of
 Petitioned for by Jno. Jones. } Engineer.

To the Honorable, the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

The undersigned Engineer, in obedience to the direction of your Honorable Body, made on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1898, has proceeded in the ^{above} matter, and has made a level and survey of the line of said proposed ditch improvement, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream; and I have made a note of the intersections of lines and boundaries of lands, township and county lines, land marks, bench marks, and road and railroad crossings; and I herewith make report of the same, with profile, and plat and an estimate of the number of the cubic yards of earth or other substance to be removed, and the cost per cubic yard for each working section on said report indicated and of each section of one hundred feet.

I have also made, and return herewith, a schedule of all the lots and lands, and public and corporate roads and railroads, together with the name of the owners of such railroad companies, and the names of the lessees operating the same, that will be benefited by said improvement; and an apportionment of the cost of location and construction, in money, to each lot and tract of land, road and railroad, according to the benefit which will result to each from the said improvement, and a specification of the manner in which the improvement shall be made and completed; the number of flood gates, water-ways, farm-crossings and bridges, including kinds and dimensions thereof; and such other matters as the undersigned deems important. The said survey, level report and schedules are herewith attached and made a part thereof.

The following is an itemized cost bill, made by me, in the proper discharge of my duty, under your order.

H. L. McCafferty, Engineer,	2 days, at \$4.00 per day,	\$ 8.00
Thos. Prugh, Rodman,	1 " " \$ 1.25	\$ 1.25
Lee Lotepiech, Chairman,	1 " " \$ 1.25	\$ 1.25
Fillmore Jackson, " "	1 " " \$ 1.25	\$ 1.25

Other Expenses:

Fillmore Jackson, 66 stakes		\$ 1.00
Total		\$ 12.75
Sale Bills		2.00
Sale of		4.
		18.75

H. L. McCafferty, Engineer.

Ditch Improvement Record,

John Jones

Ditch.

Report of Engineers										Schedule "A"	
Stake every 100 feet numbered down stream	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total Fall from Station 0	Centre Depth	Cut	Width on Bottom	Width on Top	Cubic yards	Course and Distance	Remarks	
B	100.00									Stump Left.	
0	99.95	96.95 -1.25		3.00	3.00				S. 1° N. 300'	Beginning on land of Jno. Jones.	
1	98.85	95.70	1.25	3.15	3.15					Distance on land of said Jones 361'	
2	97.38	94.45 -1.12	2.50	2.93	2.93					3.61 = line P.C.C. St. L. Ry.	
3	96.95	93.32	3.63	3.63	3.63				S. 50° 45' E. 85'	Distance on land of said Railroad = 900	
+85	95.65	92.36	4.59	3.29	3.29				N. 66° E. 799'		
4	95.20	92.20 -.74	4.75	3.00	3.00						
5	94.50	91.46	5.49	3.04	3.04						
6	94.35	90.73	6.22	3.62	3.62						
7	93.75	90.00 -.15	6.95	3.75	3.00						
B	96.10									Hickory Left.	
+85	93.80	89.85 -.15	7.10	3.95	3.00					File	
8	93.80	89.70	7.25	4.10	4.10					Sta 0 to 3 = 4" tile	
9	94.75	89.55	7.40	5.20	5.20					" 3 " 7.85 = 5" "	
10	94.30	89.40 -.52	7.55	4.90	4.90					" 7.85 .. 15.03 = 6 "	
11	92.25	88.88	8.07	3.37	3.37						
+84	93.25	88.44	8.51	4.81	4.81				S. 27° 16' E. 47'		
12	95.45	88.35	8.60	7.10	3.00						
+31	92.33	88.19	8.76	4.14	4.14				S. 37° 46' E. 248'	1261 - line Jno. W. Carr	
13	92.75	87.83 -.16	9.12	4.92	4.92						
B	92.67									Cotton wood Left.	
14	93.25	87.67	9.28	5.58	5.58					Distance on land of said Carr. 242'	
+79	92.10	87.54	9.41	4.56	4.56				S. 48° 50' E. 24'		
15.03 Bottom of tile	91.48	87.50	9.45	3.98	3.98						
		87.50									
Lateral No 1 at Station 3 Right.											
0	98.00	95.00 -1.25		3.00	1.60				N. 71° 50' E. 134'	Beginning in line of Amanda M. Morse + Jno. Jones.	
1	97.15	93.75	1.25	3.40	2.10					Distance on land of said Jones 134.	
+34	96.95	93.32	1.78	3.63	2.13					Tile = 4 inch.	

Specifications.

The within ditch and laterals must be put fully down to the grade line at all points and must be made to conform to the gradients shown on the profile filed herewith and shown in this report.

The tile must be cylindrical well burned drain tile and are to be furnished together with all necessary g's upon the line of the ditch.

Tile to be carefully laid in the trench prepared as above specified and to be jointed within $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch except in turning curves, where joints must be well patched.

No covering is to be placed upon any of the tile until they have been examined by the Engineer in charge of the work after which all earth removed from said trenches is to be carefully replaced therein.

Any and all green trees bushes, shrubs or nearer than 20 feet of the center line of any of the above ditches are to be deadened. Ditch and laterals to be tiled throughout with 4 inch tile.

Tile: Main ditch 4" from Sta 0 to Sta 3; 5 inch from Sta. 3 to Sta. 7.85; 6 inch from Sta 7.85 to Sta 15.03.

Lateral 1 = 4" inch tile; Lateral 2 = 4 inch tile.

To be fully completed on or before May 15, 1898.

H. L. McCafferty,
Engineer.

Ditch Improvement Record,

John Jones

Ditch.

Report of Engineers				Schedule "B"					
No. Marking Section	Owner's Name as Found On Duplicate	Original Survey Number	Township	acres	acres	Estimated cost of	Estimated cost of	Estimated cost of	Estimated cost of
				Owned	Drained	Construction	Operation	Total cost	Appropriation
						\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts	\$ cts
	Jones Jno.	4513	Union Tp.	89	8	29 60	5 05		34 65
	P.C.C. & St.L. Ry. Co. Little Miami Division		" "		7	27 91	4 78		32 69
	Carr Jno. H.	4513	Rondon School Dist.	78.25	2	85	15		1 00
	Morse Amanda M.	"	" " "	14.99	1	85	15		1 00
			Lateral No. 1						
	Jones Jno					3 15	71		38 6
	Morse Amanda M					50	11		61
			Lateral No. 2						
	Jones Jno					11 28	2 24		13 52
	P.C.C. & St.L. Ry. Co. Little Miami Division					1 00	20		1 20
	Carr Jno. H.					1 00	20		1 20

Approved April 6th, 1898.

S. S. Robbins }
 James Withrow } Commissioners
 Jas. B. Anderson } of
 Madison County, Ohio.

Ditch Sale.

The undersigned Engineer will receive oral bids at the office of the County Surveyor at Loudon, O., at 10 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, April 13, '98.

for the work of constructing and the furnishing of all necessary material for the John Jones Ditch Improvement.

Said work will be sold in sections as follows:

Main Ditch.

Sec. 91.09 Rods, 4 inch Tile,

Laterals.

Lateral No. 1, 8.12 rods, 4 inch Tile,

" 2, 26.54 rods, 4 inch Tile.

To be fully completed on or before May 15, 1898.

H. L. McCafferty, Engineer.

Report of Sale.

Loudon, Ohio.

April 13, 1898.

To the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

I have this day sold the County Ditch petitioned for by John Jones as follows:

John Jones - main ditch Sta 0 to Sta. 3.61

" " " 12.61 " " 15.03

Lateral No. 1 and Lateral No. 2

\$40.67

P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co

Main ditch Sta 3.61 to Sta. 12.61 \$35.45

Total --- \$76.12

H. L. McCafferty,
Engineer.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

April 13th A. D., 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement } Contract for Labor of Construction.
 Petitioned for by John Jones.

Whereas, The above styled improvement has been duly ordered, and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction of Working Section No. — of 1175 feet allotted to several land owners of the following described land, viz: per report of Engineer. Being cutting and tile for main ditch from Sta. 0 to 3.61^{and} Sta. 12.61 to 15.03^{and} laterals 1^{and} 2 and sold by the duly appointed Engineer, on the 13th day of April, A. D., 1898, to the undersigned for Forty^{and} $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, pursuant to said order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whosoever may be interested therein, that I will do and perform all the labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance with the specifications for constructing the same, as shown in the record of the proceedings thereof, the same to be completed on or before the 15th day of May A. D., 1898, and work to begin at once, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

H. L. McLeafferty,

Engineer.

John Jones
H. L. J. Contractor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

April 13, A.D. 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement }
 Petitioned for by Jno. Jones. } Contractor's Bond.

Know all Men by these Presents, That John Jones as principal, and John Jones (H. G. Jones), Horace G. Jones, and Fillmore Jackson as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Eighty one and $\frac{3}{100}$ Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 13th day of April, A.D. 1898.

The Condition of the Above Obligation is such, however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor has bid off the labor of constructing working section No. —, has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said Madison County, and has agreed to fully do and perform all labor of constructing said improvement in accordance with the plans and specifications of said improvement, as shown on the record of said proceedings, on or before the 15th day of May, A.D. 1898.

Now, if the said Jno. Jones shall well and truly perform all the obligations of his said contract and complete the same within the time fixed by said contract and pay all damage which may occur by reason of a failure to complete the same within the time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect in law.

John Jones, H. G. Jones,
 Horace G. Jones
 Fillmore Jackson

This Contract and Bond, and Sureties on said Bond approved this 18th day of April, A.D. 1898.

H. L. McLaugherty,
 Engineer

S. S. Robbins
 President of Board of Commissioners

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, April 18th, 1898.

Board met today in Regular Session.
Present, S. S. Robbins, James Hithrow^{and} James B. Anderson.
In the matter of the }
John Jones Ditch } Approval of Contractor's Bond.
Improvement.

John Jones, to whom was awarded the contract for the labor of construction of The John Jones Ditch Improvement having presented his bond in the sum of Eighty One^{and 3/100} Dollars, for the faithful performance of his said contract, with himself as principal and Horace G. Jones^{and} Fillmore Jackson as sureties thereon, which bond is in due form and according to law, it is ordered that the same be approved and the sureties thereon accepted.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
April 13th, A.D., 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement } Contract for Labor of Construction
Petitioned for by Jno. Jones. }

Whereas, The above styled improvement has been duly ordered, and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction of Working Section No. — of 900 feet allotted to several land owners of the following described land, viz; per report of Engineer, — setting^{and} 4 inch tile from Station 3.61 to Station 12.61, and sold by the duly appointed Engineer, on the 13th day of April, A.D., 1898, to the undersigned for Thirty five^{and 4/100} Dollars, pursuant to said order and notice. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me, to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will do and perform all the labor of constructing said improvement, in accordance with the specifications for constructing the same, as shown in the record of the proceedings thereof, the same to be completed on or before the 1st day of May, A.D., 1898, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

H. L. McLaugherty,
Engineer.

P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co.
Henry W. Thornton
Contractor.
Asst. Eng'r. M. W.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.
April 13th, A.D. 1898.

In the matter of Ditch Improvement } Contractor's Bond.
Petitioned for by John Jones }

Know all men by these Presents, That
P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. as principal, and M. Rasor^{and} J. A.
Morrisey as sureties, are firmly held and bound
unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Seventy
and ⁹⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 13th day of April, A.D. 1898.

The Condition of the Above Obligation is such, however,
that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor
has bid off the labor of constructing working section No. ^{to}
has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject
to the condition that the same shall be approved
by the Commissioners of said Madison County, and
has agreed to fully do and perform all labor of con-
-structing said improvement in accordance with the
plans and specifications of said improvement, as
shown on the record of said proceedings, on or before
the 1st day of May, A.D. 1898.

Now, if the said P. C. C. & St. L. Ry. Co. shall well
and truly perform all the obligations of his said
contract and complete the same within the time fixed
by said contract and pay all damage which may occur
by reason of a failure to complete the same within the
time agreed upon in said contract, then this obligation
shall be void, otherwise to be in full force and effect
in law.

M. Rasor

J. A. Morrisey

This Contract and Bond, and Sureties on said Bond
approved this 25th day of April, A.D. 1898.

H. L. McCafferty
Engineer.

S. S. Robbins
President of Board of Comrs.

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Commissioner's Office, Madison County.
London, Ohio, April, 25th, 1898.

Board met today in Regular Session.
Present: S. S. Robbins, James Withrow^{and} James B. Anderson.
In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Approval of Contractor's Bond.
for by John Jones }

The Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis Rail Road Company, to whom was awarded the contract for the Labor of Construction of The John Jones Ditch Improvement, having presented their bond for the faithful performance of their said contract, in the sum of Seventy and 9/100 Dollars (\$70.9/100), with themselves as principal and M. Rasor and J. A. Morrissey as sureties thereon, which bond is in due form and according to law, it is ordered that the same be approved and the sureties thereon accepted.

Assessment.

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In the matter of }
The John Jones } Assessment.
Ditch Improvement }

The Working sections of, The John Jones, Ditch Improvement, having been let according to law and the costs and expenses of location and construction having been ascertained, this board therefore determine and require that said costs and expenses shall be paid in one annual installment. It is hereby ordered that assessments shall be made upon the lots and lands benefited by said improvement payable as follows:

The John Jones Ditch Improvement payable in one annual installment.

That assessments for the year 1898, sufficient to pay the costs of location and the bonds, and interest due, the first and all claims for compensation and damages allowed be made in proportion to the estimates made on the said improvement.

It is further ordered that the County Auditor be directed to make and furnish to the Treasurer of the County, a special duplicate for the year 1898, charging each of the lots and lands assessed, One Hundred (100) per centum of the gross assessments.

Upon motion for the approval of the foregoing matter, the roll being called, Withrow, Anderson and Markley voted "Aye".
Motion Carried.

James Withrow } Commissioners
James B. Anderson } of
Chas. G. Markley } Madison County.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, December 6th, 1898.

Board of Commissioners met today in Regular Quarterly
Session, pursuant to adjournment of December 5th, 1898.
Members present, James Hithrow, Jas. B. Anderson & C. G. Markley.

In the matter of the }
Issue and Sale of Bonds for } Order of Issue and Sale of Bonds.
John Jones, Ditch Imp. }
Issued

Thursday the Board had under con-
sideration the matter of issuing and selling bonds of
the County to meet the expense of the John Jones Ditch
Improvement.

It was moved by Jas. B. Anderson and seconded by C. G.
Markley that for the purpose of raising money necessary
to pay for the expense of the above named improvement
and in pursuance of the authority granted by sections
4479, 4481 & 4482 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio and the
laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto,
that Bonds of the County be issued for said Improve-
ment as follows:

The John Jones Ditch Improvement.