

Madison County Ditch Improvement Record.

The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1.

Record of proceeding in the matter of The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1. located in Banaan and Jefferson Townships, Madison County, Ohio, and petitioned for by Marion Bidwell et al.

Ditch Petition.

Filed Oct. 7th 1901.

London, Ohio, October 1st A. D. 1901. Petition for location, construction and tiling of a Ditch.

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Madison County Ohio:

The undersigned owners of lots and lands which will be drained or benefited by the improvement herein prayed for, hereby make application to your honorable board 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 about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the land of David Fitzgerald; thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. B. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. and E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike, thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. L. Millikin, E. H. + R. W. Stuckey and H. W. Alder to Big Darby Creek, a distance in all of about 800 rods.

Your petitioners pray that said ditch may be, ^{located and} tiled to a point deemed by your Board practical, and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto, and also for the location construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

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:

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| David A. Fitzgerald | R. A. Baker Estate. |
| J. B. Wilson | Henry Wright |
| Marion Bidwell | Jos. Morse |
| E. H. Stuckey | Mary W. Lowe |
| R. W. Stuckey | E. P. Arthur |
| J. L. Millikin | Mary Weaver |
| H. B. and E. Streater | Geo. Weaver |
| Grant Cross | John Weaver |
| H. W. Alder | Jacob Weaver |
| Russell Weaver | Melissa Streater. |

Marion Bidwell - Petitioner.

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per B.

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Petitioner's Bond.

Filed, Oct. 7th 1901.

Know all men by these presents; that Marion Bidwell as principal and John D. Wilson and Solomon Shormaker 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 7th day of October, A. D. 1901. The condition of the above obligation is such, nevertheless, that whereas, on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1901, Marion Bidwell made application to the Commissioners of Madison County, and on said day filed with the Auditor of said County a petition for the 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 about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the land of David Fitzgerald; thence in a north-easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. D. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, Jas. Weaver land, H. B. and E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. S. Millikin, E. H. and R. B. Stuckey and H. B. Alder to Big Daily Creek; a distance in all of about 800 rods.

Your petitioner prays that said ditch may be located and tiled to a point deemed by your Board practical and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto, and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

Now, if the above bounden Marion Bidwell shall pay all costs, if the prayer of the 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 sureties thereon,
are approved by me this 7th day of Oct. A. D. 1901.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor, Marion Bidwell
John D. Wilson
Solomon Shormaker

Filed, October 7th 1901. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Notice to Commissioners

of Petition filed and time for hearing.

Office of the Auditor of Madison County, Ohio, October 7th A. D. 1901.
To the Honorable Board of Commissioners of said County:
Gentlemen: You are hereby notified that a petition and bond for a Ditch Improvement has been filed in this office on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1901; a copy of which petition is attached below; and as required by law, I have fixed the 30th day of October, A. D. 1901.

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at 10 o'clock, a.m. at the beginning of said proposed ditch described in said petition, for your hearing of said matter.

Copy of Ditch Petition.

London, Ohio, Oct. 1st 1901. Petition for location, construction and tiling of a Ditch.

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

The undersigned owners of lots and lands 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 about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the land of David A. Fitzgerald; thence in a north-easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. B. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, Jas. Weaver land, H. B. and E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. L. Millikin, E. H. and R. W. Stuckey and H. W. Alder to Big Darby Creek.

A distance in all of about 800 rods.

Your petitioners pray that said ditch may be located and tiled to a point deemed by your board practical and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto, and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

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:

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| David A. Fitzgerald | H. B. and E. Streater | Mary W. Love |
| J. B. Wilson | Grant Cross | C. P. Arthur |
| Marion Bidwell | H. W. Alder | Mary Weaver |
| E. H. Stuckey | Russell Weaver | George Weaver |
| R. W. Stuckey | R. A. Baker Estate | John Weaver |
| J. L. Millikin | Henry Wright | Jacob Weaver |
| | Jas. Morse | Melissa Streater |

Marion Bidwell - Petitioner.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a Ditch Petition filed in my office on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1901
B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

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Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
October 8th A. D. 1901.In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Marion Bidwell.

} Copy of 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
7 day of October, A. D. 1901, Marion Bidwell 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 about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on
the land of David A. Fitzgerald; Thence in a north easterly
direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. D. Wilson
said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. & E.
Dreator, crossing the Lucas Pike; Thence through the lands
of said Bidwell, J. L. Millikin, E. H. & R. W. Stuckey and H. W.
Alder to Big Darby Creek; A distance of about 800 rods.The petitioners pray that said ditch may be located and
tiled to a point deemed by the Board practical and con-
tinued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point
to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto, and also for the
location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.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: Wednesday, Oct. 30th 1901, at 10 o'clock, A. M. at the be-
ginning of said proposed ditch 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, con-
venience and welfare; and whether the route describ-
ed 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.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County, Ohio.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
October 14th A. D. 1901.The State of Ohio,
Madison County, S. D. }

} Proof of Personal Service.

On this 14th day of October, A. D. 1901, person-

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ally came E. D. Bordin, who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that on the days hereinafter named, he served the annexed notice on the persons hereinafter named, by delivering to each person a true copy of the annexed notice or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence.

Name of Person Served.	When Served.	How Served.
David A. Fitzgerald	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
J. B. Wilson	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
Marion Bidwell	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
E. H. Stuckey	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
R. B. Stuckey	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
E. Streator	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
Grant Cross	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
H. B. Alder	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
Russell Weaver	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
Della M. Wright	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
Christa Herritt	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
Maud Wright	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
Guy Baker	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
Eliza Weaver	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
Henry Wright	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
Mary B. Lowe	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
O. F. Arthur	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally
James Weaver	Oct. 12" 1901	At Residence
George Weaver	Oct. 11" 1901	At Residence
Jacob Weaver	Oct. 11" 1901	Personally
Melissa Streator	Oct. 11" 1901	Personally
Jacob Jones	Oct. 11" 1901	At Residence
W. B. Wright	Oct. 12" 1901	Personally

and further this deponent saith not.

E. D. Bordin

Sworn to by E. D. Bordin before me and, by him subscribed in my presence this 14" day of October, A. D. 1901.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Notice by Publication.

To non-resident lot or land owners:

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
October 11" 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned for } Notice to non-resident lot or land owners
by Marion Bidwell. } for publication.

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 7" day of October, 1901, Marion Bidwell filed a petition with the Auditor of Madison County, the prayer of which is for

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the location, construction and tiling of a ditch on the following starting point, route and terminus, to wit: Commencing about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald; thence in a north-easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. S. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. + E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. S. Millikin, C. H. + R. B. Stucky and H. B. Alder to Big Darby Creek. A distance in all of about 800 rods.

The petitioners pray that said ditch may be located and tiled to a point deemed by your Board practical, and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto; and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

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: Wednesday, October, 30th 1901, at 10 o'clock A.M., at the beginning of said proposed ditch 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 and damages 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.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County.
London, Ohio, October 11th 1901.

Proof of Publication.

The State of Ohio, }
Madison County S. D. }

M. H. Wallace being duly sworn, says he is the Business Manager of "The London Semi-Weekly Enterprise", a newspaper printed and in general circulation in said County, and that a notice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said newspaper for at least 2 consecutive weeks prior to the 30th day of October, 1901.

M. H. Wallace.

Sworn to and subscribed by said M. H. Wallace this 19th day of Oct. 1901.
Printer's fee. \$6.³³

B. A. Taylor, Auditor Madison County.

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Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
October 11th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the } Copy of
Ditch Impf. Petitioned } Notice to non-resident lot or land
for by Marion Bidwell } owners, for publication.

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 7th day of October, A. D. 1901, Marion Bidwell 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 about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald; Thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. D. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. + E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; Thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. L. Millikin, E. H. + R. C. Stuckey and H. C. Alder to Big Darby Creek.

A distance in all of about 800 rods.

The petitioners pray that said ditch may be located, and tiled to a point deemed by the Board practical, and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto; and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

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: Wednesday, October 30th 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M. at the beginning of said proposed ditch 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.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor of Madison County, Ohio.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, October 7th 1901.

Board of Commissioners met today in regular session.

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Commissioners
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Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley.
In the matter of the
Ditch Impf. Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell. } Notice of filing of petition and time fixed for view.

The County Auditor having delivered to this Board a certified copy of a petition filed with him on the 7th day of October, 1901, signed by Marion Bidwell praying for the location, construction and tiling of a county ditch between the termini and along the route stated below, to-wit:

Commencing about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald; Thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. S. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver, land H. B. + E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the land of said Bidwell, J. S. Millikin, E. H. + R. B. Stuckey and H. C. Alder to Big Darby Creek.

A distance in all of about 800 rods.

The petitioners pray that said ditch may be located and tiled to a point deemed by the board practical, and continued as an open ditch far enough beyond said point to give a good and sufficient outlet thereto, and also for the location, construction and tiling of all necessary laterals.

And it appearing that said petitioners has given bond as required by law which bond has been approved by said Auditor and said Auditor having fixed the 30th day of October 1901, as the day for hearing said petition, it is ordered that this board meet on said day at the place of beginning of said ditch as described in said petition, to hear proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and others competent to testify and to determine as to the necessity of said improvement.

On the question of the adoption of the foregoing entries and orders relating to said petition and ditch, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley voted "Aye".

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor and Clerk.

H. E. Bradley }
Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
Chas. S. Markley } of
Madison County

Commissioner's Office, Madison County
Nov. 4th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Impf. Petitioned }
for by Marion Bidwell. } Commissioner's Finding on the Petition.

This day the Commissioners of Madison County being in regular session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley.

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and a copy of a ditch petition for the location and construction and tiling of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we therefore, on the 30th day of October, 1901, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and other persons competent to testify, and we went over and along the line of said improvement and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby and determined the necessity thereof. And we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto.

And we further find that the route described is the best, viz: Commencing about 15 rods west of the middle pike on the land of David A. Fitzgerald; thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. D. Wilson said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. + E. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the land of said Bidwell, J. L. Millikin, E. H. + R. W. Stuckey and H. C. Alder to Big Darby Creek. A distance in all of about 800 rods; Tile to extend to Station 100+63. Open ditch to Station 106.

The following laterals were also located by us, viz:

Lateral No. 1. Beginning on the lands of John D. Wilson, crossing middle pike and entering main ditch at Station 2+80 - entire distance 400 feet.

Lateral No. 2 - already constructed, all on lands of John D. Wilson.

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence running in a southerly direction through the lands of said Bidwell, and entering main ditch at Station 49; tile all in with the exception of about 4 rods.

Lateral No. 1 of 3. Beginning on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald, running in an easterly direction through lands of Marion Bidwell and entering lateral 3 at Station 2+34.

Lateral 2 of 3 - Beginning on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald, running in an easterly direction through the lands of Marion Bidwell and entering Lateral 3 at Station 6+37.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of James Weaver; thence running in a north easterly direction through the lands of Brant Cross, H. B. + E. Streater, Marion Bidwell and entering main ditch on lands of said Bidwell at Station 78+56

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We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person and corporation benefited or affected by said proposed improvement.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this our finding, in writing on the Commissioner's journal. And we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal and order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line as described in the petition as described above, and survey and level the same, and set a stake at every hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of all lots or lands, and public or corporate roads or rail roads, that will be benefited and an apportionment of the estimated cost of location and constructing said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in Sections 4454, 4455, and 4456 O.S. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor or or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 27th day of November, 1901 at 10 o'clock, A.M. at the Commissioners' Office is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement, and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby and for the approval of the Report of Surveyor.

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,
President Board of Commissioners.

Finding on the Petition - Copy for Surveyor.

Auditor's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, Nov. 4th 1901

In the matter of the
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for by Marion Bidwell.

Finding on Petition - Copy for Surveyor.

This day the Board of Commissioners being in session, members present, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. W. Markley, and a copy of the petition for the location, construction and tiling of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor, and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs, if the prayer of the petition be not granted, or be dismissed for any cause, we therefore, on the 30th day of October, 1901, the day

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fixed by the Auditor for hearings, did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement and other persons competent to testify, and we went over and along the line of said improvement and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto, and to be drained or benefited thereby and determine the necessity thereof. And we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto.

And we further find the route described is the best, viz: Commencing about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the land of David Fitzgerald; Thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. D. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. + E. Streator, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. S. Millikin, E. H. + R. W. Stuckey and H. C. Alder to Big Darby Creek. A distance in all of about 800 rods.

The following laterals were located by us, viz:

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of John D. Wilson crossing Middle Pike and entering main ditch at Station 2+80, entire distance 400 feet.

Lateral No. 2 - already constructed - all on lands of John D. Wilson.

Lateral No. 3 - Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence running in a southerly direction through the lands of said Bidwell and entering main ditch at Station 49. - tile all in with the exception of about 4 rods.

Lateral No. 1 of 3 - Beginning on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald; running in an easterly direction through the lands of Marion Bidwell and entering Lateral 3 at Station 2+34.

Lateral 2 of 3 - Beginning on the lands of David Fitzgerald; running in an easterly direction through the lands of Marion Bidwell and entering lateral 3 at Station 6+37.

Lateral No. 4 - Beginning on the lands of James Weaver; thence running in a north easterly direction through the lands of Brant Cross, H. B. + E. Streator and Marion Bidwell, entering main ditch on lands of said Bidwell at Station 78+56.

And we do hereby order the Auditor, to enter this, our finding, in writing, on the Commissioners' journal. And we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal an order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line as described in the petition, as described above, and survey and level the same, and set a stake at every

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hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of all lots or lands, and public or corporate roads or railroads that will be benefited, and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement, in money, according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required in Sections 4454, 4455, and 4456 R. S. as now in force and effect and to file his report with the County Auditor on or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 27th day of November, 1901, at 10 o'clock A.M. at the Commissioners Office, is hereby fixed for the hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby, and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor.

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,
President Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, Nov. 4th 1901.

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Commissioners met today in regular session.
Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Commissioners' Finding on Petition
for by Marion Bidwell }

A copy of the petition for the location, construction and tiling of a county ditch having been delivered to us by the County Auditor and it appearing to us that the proper bond has been filed with the Auditor and by him approved, conditioned for the payment of all costs if the prayer of the petition be not granted or be dismissed for any cause, we, therefore, on the 30th day of October, 1901, the day fixed by the Auditor for hearings did meet at the place of beginning of said ditch, as described in the petition, and heard all proof offered by any of the parties affected by said improvement, and others competent to testify, and we went over and along the line of said improvement and by actual view of said ditch and the premises along and adjacent thereto and to be drained or benefited thereby and determine the necessity thereof and we do hereby find that said improvement is necessary, and will be conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, and a benefit to the lots and lands along the line thereof by furnishing drainage thereto. And we further find that the route described is the best, viz:

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Commencing about 15 rods west of the Middle Pike on the land of David A. Fitzgerald; thence in a north easterly direction through the lands of said Fitzgerald, J. S. Wilson, said Fitzgerald, Marion Bidwell, James Weaver land, H. B. + C. Streater, crossing the Lucas Pike; thence through the lands of said Bidwell, J. S. Millikin, C. H. + R. B. Stuckey and H. W. Alder to Big Darby Creek, a distance in all of about 800 rods. File to extend to Station 100+63 - Open ditch to Station 106.

The following laterals were located by us; viz:

Lateral No. 1 - Beginning on the lands of John D. Wilson, crossing Middle Pike and entering main ditch at Station 2+80 - entire distance 400 feet.

Lateral No. 2. Already constructed; all on lands of John D. Wilson.

Lateral No. 3. Beginning on the lands of Marion Bidwell; thence running in a southerly direction through the lands of said Bidwell and entering main ditch at Station 49. File all in with the exception of about 4 rods.

Lateral No. 1 of 3. Beginning on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald, running in an easterly direction through the lands of Marion Bidwell and entering Lateral No. 3 at Station 2+34.

Lateral No. 2 of 3. Beginning on the lands of David A. Fitzgerald, running in an easterly direction through the lands of Marion Bidwell and entering Lateral No. 3 at Station 6+37.

Lateral No. 4. Beginning on the lands of James Weaver; thence running in a north easterly direction through the lands of Brant Cross, H. B. + C. Streater and Marion Bidwell, entering main ditch on lands of said Bidwell at Station 78+56.

We also find that due and legal notice has been given to each person and corporation benefited or affected by said proposed improvement.

And we do hereby order the Auditor to enter this our finding in writing on the Commissioner's journal. And we do further authorize the Auditor to enter upon said journal and order directing the County Surveyor to go upon the line as described in the petition and survey and level the same and set a stake at every one hundred feet numbering down stream, and to embody in said order direction to the said Surveyor to make and return a schedule of all lots or lands, and public or corporate roads or railroads that will be benefited and an apportionment of the estimated cost of locating and constructing said improvement in money; according to the benefits which will result to each, and to perform such other duties as are required.

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in Sections 4454, 4455 and 4456 R. D. as now in force and effect, and to file his report with the County Auditor on or before the time hereinafter fixed for hearing the same.

It is further ordered that the 27th day of November, 1901, at 10 o'clock, A.M. is hereby fixed for hearing of applications for any appropriation of land taken for said improvement and damages said parties affected by said improvement, or any of them may sustain thereby and for the approval of the report of the Surveyor, to which time and place the proceedings herein now stand adjourned.

The roll being called for the approval of the above entry relating to said petition and ditch, all members, W. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley voted "aye".

	H. E. Bradley	} Commissioners of Madison County
B. A. Taylor,	Jas. B. Anderson	
Auditor & Clerk.	Chas. B. Markley	

Claims for Damages by John D. Wilson.

To the Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:

In the matter of the county ditch petitioned for by Marion Bidwell & Co.

Now comes John D. Wilson and represents that by reason of said ditch being constructed through the land owned by him it will necessitate the destruction of much valuable timber and that he will be otherwise damaged by reason of the land appropriated in the construction of the same.

By reason of the premises stated above the said John D. Wilson hereby makes application for damages in the sum of One hundred Dollars. John D. Wilson.

Dated, London, Ohio, November, 27th 1901.

Filed November, 27th 1901. B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Exceptions to the apportionment by D. A. Fitzgerald.

In the matter of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by Marion Bidwell.

The undersigned whose land is to be assessed for the expense of said improvement, hereby excepts to the apportionment reported by the Engineer for the reason that the same is unfair and unjust as to him and greatly in excess of his portion of benefits to be derived from said improvement by him and therefore asks the Board of County Commissioners to reduce his portion of the assessment to correspond with benefits.

D. A. Fitzgerald.

Filed November 27th 1901.

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Commissioners met today in special session.
Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley.
In the matter of the ditch improvement petitioned for by
Marion Bidwell.

Adjourned Hearing on Engineer's Report.
J. H. Asher, the Engineer heretofore appointed in this mat-
ter, having filed his report including the apportion-
ment by him made, of the cost of said improvement,
and this being the day fixed for hearing said report and
matter and the Board of County Commissioners being
in session, the Board, after proper examination do
find that due notice has been given for the length of
time required by law, to all lot and land owners and to
the authorities of all municipal and private corporations
affected by said improvement, notifying them of the sub-
stance and prayer of the petition for said ditch improve-
ment.

Said Board also find that John B. Wilson has made ap-
plication in writing for damages; and that D. A. Fitzgerald
has filed exceptions in writing to his apportionment,
which application and exception are ordered filed.

The further consideration of this matter is adjourned
till Friday, November 29th 1901, at 10 o'clock, A. M. and the Board
will meet on Thursday, November 28th 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.
to view the premises of John B. Wilson, claimed as damaged.
The roll being called for the approval of the above entry,
all members, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B.
Markley voted Aye.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. H. E. Bradley, }
Jas. B. Anderson, } Commissioners
Chas. B. Markley } of
Madison County

Auditor's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, November, 27th 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Report and Schedules of Engineer.
for by Marion Bidwell }
To the Honorable, the Board of Commission-
ers of Madison County, Ohio:

The undersigned Engineer, in obedience
to the direction of your Honorable Body, made on the 30th
day of November, A. D. 1901, has proceeded in the above mat-
ter 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 intersection of lines and boundaries of land

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township and county lines, land marks, bench marks, and road and rail road crossings; and I herewith make report of the same, with profile and plat and an estimate of the number of 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 rail road companies, and the name 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 benefits which will result to each, from the said improvement, and in apportioning the cost of said improvement, the benefits to any lots or lands by diking the same in whole or in part have been by me considered with other benefits; 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 reports 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.

J. H. Asher,	Engineer,	8 1/2 days,	at \$4.00 per day	\$ 34.00
W. L. Mc. Cafferty,	Asst. Eng.	2 "	" \$4.00 "	\$ 8.00
Jesse Baine,	Rodman,	2 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 2.50
Smith,	Chainman,	1 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 1.25
Smith,	"	1 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 1.25
Bennett,	"	1 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 1.25
Marion Bidwell,	"	2 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 2.50
Smith,	Asstman,	1 "	" \$1.25 "	\$ 1.25
Other Expenses:				
A. W. Difrit, Team hauling stakes				\$ 3.00
E. R. Florence, Stakes				\$ 4.82
Total				\$ 59.82

J. H. Asher, Engineer.

Filed November 27th 1901, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor,
per B.

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Report of Engineer						Main Ditch	Schedule "A"
Stake every 100 feet numbered consecutively	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from starting point	Embankment	Ditch	Course & Distance	
B.M.	100.						Chm. Left.
0	99.60	97.10		2.50	2.50	0 to 2+8 N. 5 E.	
1	99.76	96.93	.17	2.83	2.83	280' ↙	Begins on the
2	100.81	96.76	.34	4.05	4.05		lands of David A.
+80	98.20	96.63	.47	1.57	1.57	2+80 to 6 N. 28 E.	Fitzgerald west of
3	98.12	96.59	.51	1.53	1.53	320' ↙	the middle pike.
4	98.66	96.42	.68	2.24	2.24		
5	98.61	96.25	.85	2.36	2.36		D. A. Fitzgerald } 167' = line
6	98.76	96.06	1.02	2.70	2.70	6 to 8+21 N. 64 E.	Middle Pike
7	99.06					221' ↙	
8	98.51					8+21 to 11 N. 36 E.	
+21	98.55					279' ↙	Middle Pike } 240' = line
9	98.31						John D. Wilson
10	97.55						
11	98.84					11 to 11+80 N. 76 1/2 E.	
+80	98.61					80' ↙	John Wilson } 1580' = line
12	98.46						D. A. Fitzgerald
13	97.46						
14	98.16					11+80 to 14 S. 80 1/2 E.	
B.M.	98.75					220' ↙	Chm. R.
15	97.78					14 to 15+40 N. 72 1/2 E.	
+40	97.06					140' ↙	
16	96.43					15+40 to 19+46	
17	96.52					S. 66 1/2 E. = 406' ↙	
18	96.62						
19	96.12						
+46	96.06					19+46 to 20+26	
20	95.90					N. 70 1/2 E. = 80' ↙	
+26	95.87					20+26 to 22	
21	95.77					N. 23 E. = 174' ↙	
22	95.54					22 to 24	
23	95.12					N. 61 1/2 E. = 200' ↙	
24	94.62					24 to 29 ↙	
25	94.27					S. 70 1/2 E. 500' ↙	
26	93.82						
27	93.52						Stump L.
B.M.	95.33						
28	93.30						
29	92.75					29 to 34	
30	92.43					N. 78 1/2 E. = 500' ↙	

Side in to Station 43

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Schedule "a"

Station	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station	Centre Ditch	Cont.	Course & Distance	Remarks
31	92.20						
32	91.83						
33	91.70						
34	91.00					34 to 35 + 67	
35	90.65					N. 70 1/2 E. = 167'	
+67	89.55					35 + 67 to 36 + 80	
36	89.39					N. 48 E. = 113'	
+80	89.20					36 + 80 to 37 + 79	
37	89.20					N. 85 1/2 E. = 99'	
+79	88.85					37 + 79 to 44 + 36	
38	88.90					S. 57 E. = 657'	
39	88.24						
B.M.	90.44						Dead stump R.
40	88.10						
41	87.90						
42	87.35						
43	86.05	83.55	2.50	13.55	.95		D.A. Fitzgerald } Marion Bidwell } 4308' = line
44	86.60	83.20	3.40	13.90	1.95	44 + 36 to 49	
+36	87.44	83.09	3.35	14.25		N. 70 1/4 E. = 464'	
45	86.25	82.85	3.40	14.60	2.10		
46	85.90	82.50	3.40	14.95	2.40		
47	86.30	82.15	4.15	15.30	2.45		
48	86.48	81.80	4.68	15.65	2.70		
49	86.15	81.45	4.70	16.00	2.35	49 to 55	
50	85.55	81.10	4.45	16.35	2.30	N. 79 E. = 600'	
51	84.20	80.75	3.45	16.70	2.25		
52	83.10	80.40	2.70	17.05	2.60		
53	83.30	80.05	3.25	17.40	2.90		
54	84.65	79.70	4.95	17.75	3.35		
55	84.15	79.35	4.80	18.10	3.40	55 to 60	
B.M.	85.37					S. 72 E. = 500'	Gate post L.
56	83.46	79.00	4.40	18.45	3.55		
57	82.95	78.65	4.30	18.80	3.40		
58	82.40	78.30	4.10	19.15	3.55		
59	82.19	77.95	4.14	19.50	3.50		Marion Bidwell } J. Weaver } 5984' = line
60	82.65	77.60	5.05	19.85	3.15	60 to 63	
61	82.45	77.40	5.05	20.05	3.25	S. 89 1/2 E. = 306'	
62	82.10	77.20	4.90	20.25	3.35		
63	82.34	77.00	5.34	20.45	3.30	63 to 64 + 50	
64	80.95	76.80	4.15	20.65	3.35	N. 68 1/2 E. = 150'	J. Weaver } St. B + Co. Director } 6480' = line
+50	81.29	76.70	4.59			64 + 50 to 65 + 78	
B.M.	82.55					N. 52 E. = 128'	Oak tree R.
65	81.35	76.60	4.75	20.85	3.30	65 + 78 to 69 + 64	
+78	80.95	76.45	4.50		3.40	N. 88 1/2 E. = 386'	
+66	81.10	76.49	4.70	21.05	3.20		
67	80.20	76.20	4.00	21.25	3.35		

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Report of Engineer						Schedule "A"	
State way 100 feet down stream	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from station	Swamp Depth	Out	Course & Distance	
68	79.60	76.00	21.45	3.60	3.06	69+64 to 74+22	
69	79.06	75.80	21.65	3.26	2.96	N. 79 1/2 E. = 458'	
+64	80.11	75.68		4.43	3.43		
70	80.04	75.60	21.85	4.48	4.44		M. B. & C. Streater } 7035' = line Lucas Pike
71	81.12	75.40	22.05	5.72	5.72		
72	79.51	75.20 +5	22.25	4.31	4.31	72+22 to 86+20	Lucas Pike } 7125' = line Marion Bidwell
73	79.06	74.75	22.35	4.31	4.31	S. 69 1/2 E. = 1198'	
74	76.61	74.30	22.80	2.31	2.11		
+22	77.61	74.19		3.42	3.42		
75	77.36	73.85	23.25	3.51	3.51		
76	77.41	73.40	23.70	4.01	4.01		
77	77.01	72.95	24.15	4.06	4.06		
78	74.81	72.50	24.60	2.31	2.21		Marion Bidwell } 7885' = line J. L. Millikin
+56	76.16	72.25		3.91			
B.M.	77.21						Chm Tree L.
79	74.61	72.05	25.05	2.56	2.36		
80	75.36	71.60	25.50	3.76	2.31		
81	74.56	71.15	25.95	3.41	2.36		
82	73.96	70.70	26.40	3.26	2.71		
83	74.11	70.25	26.85	3.86	2.66		
84	73.77	70.80	27.30	3.97	2.63		
85	73.18	69.35	27.75	3.83	2.60		
86	73.28	68.90	28.20	4.38	2.73	86+20 to 88+32	
+20	73.23	68.81		4.41		N. 62 1/2 E. = 212'	
87	73.18	68.45	28.65	4.73	2.33		
88	71.03	68.00	29.10	3.03	2.33	88+32 to 92+70	
+32	72.18	67.85		4.33		S. 82 E. = 338'	
89	72.58	67.55	29.55	5.03	4.38		
90	70.48	67.10	30.00	3.38	2.33		
91	71.03	66.65	30.45	4.38	2.33		
92	70.12	66.20	30.90	3.93	2.33	92+77 to 97	
+70	68.83	65.90		2.93		S. 84 1/2 E. = 530'	
93	68.63	65.75	31.35	2.88	2.23		
94	68.28	65.30	31.80	2.98	2.83		
95	68.32	64.85	32.25	3.47	2.73		
96	67.38	64.40	32.70	2.98	2.73		
97	67.98	64.20	32.90	3.78	2.83	97 to 100+63	
98	67.81	64.00	33.10	3.81	3.81	N. 87 E. = 363'	
99	67.43	63.80	33.30	3.63	3.63		J. L. Millikin } 9966' = line C. St. & R. W. Buckley
100	66.63	63.60	33.50	3.03	3.03	100+63 to 102+28	
+63	66.18	63.47	34.13	2.11	2.71	S. 45 1/2 E. = 165'	
				3.21		Side ends for of ditch	

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Report of Engineer						Schedule "A"	
Stake every 100 feet unless otherwise shown	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	So total fall from station	Entire Depth	Out	Course of Distance	
B.M.	66.43						John R.
101	65.11	62.88	34.22	2.23	1.30		
102	65.73	62.63	34.47	3.10	.90	102+28 to 103	
+28	65.08	62.56		2.52		S. 33 1/2 E. = 72'	
103	64.53	62.38	34.72	2.15	.75	103 to 104	
104	64.31	62.13	34.97	2.18	.35	S. 62 1/2 E. = 100'	
105	62.63	61.88	35.22	.75	.45	104 to 108	
106	63.18	61.63	35.47	1.55	.10	S. 86 1/2 E. = 400'	
107	62.58						
108	60.48					108 to 112	
109	60.25					N. 76 E. = 400'	
110	60.18						
111	59.48						
112	58.43					112 to 114+58	
113	57.83					N. 86 E. = 258'	
114	56.96					114+58 to 116+70	
B.M.	57.24					S. 83 E. = 212'	Dead Stump 2.
+58	56.83						
115	55.88						
116	55.51					116+70 to 118+70	
+70	54.03					N. 88 1/2 E. 200'	
117	53.23						
118	53.63						
+80	52.43						
Lateral No. 1.							
B.M.	100.00						John R. of main ditch
0	101.90	99.40 -.81		2.50	2.50	0 to 4 N. 67 E. 400'	Begin on John Wilson
1	101.21	98.59 -.82	.81	2.62	2.62		
2	100.06	97.77	1.63	2.29	2.29		John Wilson } 315' = line Middle Pike
3	98.76	96.95 -.25	2.45	1.81	1.81		Middle Pike } 370' = line John Wilson
4	98.20	96.70	2.70	1.50	1.50		all on John Wilson
Lateral No. 2 at Station 6+37 - File in.							
Lateral No. 3 at Station 49 - File all in but 4 rods. All on main Bidwell							
Lateral No. 1 of 3 at 2+34.							
B.M.	101.19						Lowest Stump
0	98.65	95.95 -.40		2.70	2.70	0 to +64	Near Lateral No. 2 of 3 File in on Fitzgerald
1	99.00	95.55	.40	3.45	3.45	N. 75 E. 64'	New part all on m. Bidwell
2	98.03	95.15	.80	2.88	2.88	+64 to 3+66	
3	97.80	94.75	1.20	3.05	3.05	S. 71 1/2 E. = 302'	
+66	96.85	94.50	1.45	2.35	2.35		

Dropped.

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Report of Engineer						Lateral No. 2 of 3 at Sta 6+37.		Schedule "A"
Stakes every 100 feet minimum based on true slope	Surface Elevation	Grade Elevation	Total fall from section	Cutting Depth	Cut	Course & Distance		
0	100.00	97.50 -1.68		2.50	2.50			Begins on D.A. Fitzgerald. D.A. Fitzgerald } 88' = line M. Sidwell
1	99.49	96.82	.68	2.67	2.67	0 to 1 S. 81 E.	100'	
B.M.	101.19							
2	98.45	96.14	1.36	2.31	2.81	1 to 5 - S. 85 E.	400'	
3	97.50	95.46	2.04	2.04	2.04			
4	96.85	94.78	2.72	2.07	2.07			
5	96.45	94.10	3.40	2.35	2.35			
Lateral No. 4 at Station 78+56.								
B.M.	77.21							Elm L. of M.D. bet. Stations 78 and 79 Begins on Jacob Weaver J. Weaver } 100' = line Grant Cross. Grant Cross } 479' = line Lucas Pike } Lucas Pike } 558' = line M. Sidwell
0	80.26	77.76		2.50	2.50	0 to 2+77		
1	79.51	77.14	.62	2.37	2.37	N. 71 E. = 277'		
2	79.11	76.52	1.24	3.59	3.59	2+77 to 3+70		
+77	78.96	76.02	1.74	2.94	2.94	N. 23 1/2 E. 93'		
3	78.56	75.90	1.86	2.66	2.66			
+70	78.81	75.47	2.29	3.34	3.34	30+70 to 8+22		
4	78.51	75.28	2.48	2.23	2.23	N. 62 1/2 E. 452'		
5	79.05	74.66	3.10	4.39	4.39			
6	77.09	74.04	3.72	3.05	3.05			
7	76.68	73.42	4.34	3.26	3.26			
8	76.96	72.80	4.96	4.16	4.16			
+22	76.16	72.66	5.10	3.50	3.50			

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Report of Engineer. Statement of Working Sections. Schedule "aa"

No. of Working Sections	No. of Stakes		No. of Linear Feet	No. of Cubic Yards	Price per Yard	Amount		Remarks.	
	From	To				D.	C.		
I.	106	100+63	537	50	20	10	00		
II.	100+63	76	2463	Road. 149.25	65	87	01	Average depth of cutting for Section 2 is 2.85 feet.	
		12" Side	149.25	1.50	223	88	310		89
III.	76	51	2500	151.5	80	121	20	Average depth of cutting for Section no. 3 is 3.45 feet.	
		12" Side	151.5	1.50	227	25	348		45
IV.	51	43	800	48.5	40	19	40	Average depth of cutting for Section 4 is 2.15 feet.	
		12" Side	48.5	1.50	72	75	92		15
V.	6	0	600	36.4	35	21	21	Average depth of cutting for Section 5 is 2.5 feet.	
			Lat. no. 1	400					24.2
			6" Side		18.5	50	9		25
			4" "		34.	25	8		50
						38	96		
VI.	Lateral no. 3	6" Side	66	4	25	1	00	Average depth of cutting for Section 6 is 2.5 feet.	
			66	4	50	2	00		
			Lateral no. 1 of 3	366	22	25	5		50
			" " 2 of 3	500	30.3	25	7		57
			4" Side		52.3		13		07
						29	14		
VII.	Lateral no. 4	4" Side	822	50.	40	20	00	Average depth of cutting for Section no. 7 is 3.16 feet.	
				50.	25	12	50		
						32	50		
VIII.	Protection Wall at Outlet					20	00		
	Size 4' x 5.5' x 3'								

Recapitulation:

Excavation \$292.89
 Tile 569.20
 Protection wall 20.00
 Total \$882.09

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Report of Engineer

Schedule "B"

Owner's name as found on Duplicate	Survey	Description	Acres Owned	Acres Prorated	Estimated Cost of Construction	Estimated Cost of Location	Total Cost	Apportioned
David A. Fitzgerald.	6545 10701 5749		46.40 35.00 85.00	125.	105 45	7 17	112 62	
John S. Wilson	12295 5744 5749		55.50 153.22 111.00	40.	65 76	4 57	70 33	58 33
Marion Bidwell	10701 8996	The Jones Farm	95.55 6.45	35.	183 00	12 44	195 44	
Marion Bidwell	8996	The Dun Farm	142.48	40.	208 92	14 20	223 12	
H. B. + E. Streater	8996		10.	10.	41 50	2 82	44 32	
Grant Cross	10701		40.81	3.	16 90	1 15	18 05	
James Weaver	1090		56.	10.	35 40	2 40	37 80	
James Sullivan	5749 6545		55.00 3.85	3.	3 16	2 1	3 37	
J. L. Millikin	2681 10701		90.75 19.39	40.	202 00	13 73	215 73	
Madison County					20 00	1 13	21 13	
					\$882.09	\$59.82	\$941.91	

Report of Engineer

Schedule "B"

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio,
November 26th A. D. 1901

In the matter of the } Specifications of the Manner of Construction
Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
for by Marion Bidwell }

The main ditch in this improvement is to be tiled as follows; from station 0 to station 2+80 with 4 inch tile; from 2+80 to station 6 with 6 inch tile; from station 6 to station 43 the tile are now in ranging in size from 6 inch at station 6 to 10 inch at station 43; from station 43 to station 100+63 is to be tiled with 12 inch tile; from station 100+63 to station 106 is to be an open ditch two feet wide in the bottom with side slopes of 1 1/2 to 1.

Dirt to be removed 15 feet from banks of ditch.

Lateral No. 1 is to be tiled with 4 inch tile.

Lateral No. 3 requires 4 rods 6 inch tile to cement it with main Ditch.

Laterals No. 1 and 2 of 3 are to be tiled with 4 inch tile.

Lateral No. 4 is to be tiled with 4 inch tile.

The trench in main ditch and all laterals must be set to grade shown in profile filed with this report, and must

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be evenly graded and all tile laid even and with the smallest possible joints, tile must not be covered until after inspection by the engineer.

All laterals which are now in must be connected by the contractor for that part of the main ditch where they may occur, the land owners to furnish the tile if any are needed for such connections. All brush near enough to ditch to injure the tile to be grubbed and all trees which are injurious to tile which stand within 15 feet of ditch must be deadened.

The contractor, after the tile has been inspected by the Engineer, must put back what dirt has been taken out of trenches.

Auditors Office, Madison County, Ohio,
November, 29th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. Petitioned
for by Marion Bidwell.

Finding of the Commissioners on Report of Engineer

This day the Board of Commissioners being in special session, present H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley and this being the day adjourned to by said board for the hearing of the report and apportionment of the Engineer of the above styled matter, the Board, after proper examination, do find that due notice has been given for the length of time required by law, to all lot and land owners and to the authorities of all municipal and private corporations affected by said improvement, notifying them of the pendency, substance and prayer of the petition for said ditch improvement;

Said Board also find that Lateral No. 1 on lands of John D. Wilson should be dropped entirely, making John D. Wilsons assessment Fifty Eight Dollars and Thirty Three Cents. (\$58.³³)

After having examined the report of the Engineer with the apportionment by him made, and the claims, exceptions and premises of John D. Wilson do find that said report and apportionment are in all respects fair and just, according to the benefits to be derived from the said proposed improvement by the owner of each lot and tract of land, and by municipal and private corporations and rail road companies. It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment as changed above be and the same are hereby approved and confirmed.

John D. Wilson having filed claims for damages by reason of the cutting of the timber through which the said Marion Bidwell Ditch is located and established, and it

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appearing to the Board of County Commissioners that said timber being on the lands at the head of the ditch and no one being interested above, and the said John B. Wilson hereby agreeing to withdraw the aforesaid claims for damages it is ordered that that part of the specifications as relate to the cutting of timber &c. within fifteen feet of either side of the ditch be and the same is hereby inoperative in so far as it relates to the lands of the said John B. Wilson so long as the title of said lands remain in the name of said John B. Wilson; otherwise the aforesaid specifications of the Marion Bidwell Ditch as relates to the cutting of timber &c. as aforesaid to be in full force and effect. It is also ordered that all exceptions, both written and verbal be and the same are hereby overruled.

Order to sell the labor of construction.

It is now and therefore ordered that the 11th day of December 1901, at 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and that the same be sold at public outcry. The place of said sale is fixed at the beginning of said ditch improvement and said sale to commence with the working section constituting the mouth of said improvement, at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point; each section shall be offered at public outcry until all the sections are offered; said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred feet nor more than twenty five hundred feet. And it is also ordered that the Auditor of said County give notice of said sale by circulating hand bills.

And it is also ordered and directed that the County Surveyor J. H. Asher attend at the time and place of said sale and conduct the same and receive all bids for the construction of said work; and that he make contracts with the lowest responsible bidder and take good and sufficient bonds for the labor of said improvement conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract so to be made, and for the completion of the work within the time fixed by the contract, and for all damages which may occur by reason of failure to complete the same within the time stipulated in said contract, in a sum not less than double the estimated value of the work and labor of constructing that portion bid off by said contracting party.

B. A. Taylor,

County Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,

President of Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,

London, Ohio, November, 29th 1901.

Commissioners met today in special session.

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Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson^{2d} & Chas. S. Markley.
In the matter of the
Ditch Imp. petitioned
for by Marion Bidwell. } Hearing on Engineer's Report.

The Board being in session as per adjournment of November, 27th 1901, and resumed the further consideration of said matter, and on examination the Board finds that due notice as to said petition has been given to all parties and authorities entitled thereto, according to law.

The Board having heard the evidence and examined said report and apportionment of the engineer and the claims, exceptions and the premises of John D. Wilson do find that the following change should be made in said report, viz: Lateral No. 1 on the lands of John D. Wilson to be dropped entirely, making said John D. Wilson's assessment Fifty Eight Dollars and Thirty Three Cents. (\$58.³³)

It is therefore ordered that said report and apportionment as hereby changed be and the same is hereby approved and confirmed.

John D. Wilson having filed claims for damages by reason of the cutting of the timber through which the Marion Bidwell Ditch is located and established, and it appearing to the Board of County Commissioners that said timber being on the lands at the head of said ditch and no one being interested above, and the said John D. Wilson hereby agreeing to withdraw the sforesaid claims for damages, it is ordered that that part of the specifications as relates to the cutting of timber within fifteen feet of either side of the ditch be and the same is hereby inoperative so far as it relates to the lands of the said John D. Wilson, so long as the title of said lands remain in the name of the said John D. Wilson, otherwise the sforesaid specifications of the Marion Bidwell Ditch as relates to the cutting of timber as aforesaid to be in full force and effect.

It is also ordered that all exceptions, both written and verbal be and the same are hereby overruled.

It is now and therefore ordered that the 11th day of December, A. D. 1901, at 10 o'clock of said day, be fixed as the time for commencing the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and that the same be sold at public outcry, the place of said sale is fixed on the line of the ditch, where the said ditch crosses the Lucas Pike, one mile east of residence of John D. Wilson; and said sale to commence with working section constituting the mouth of said improvement at the hour above named, and from that point to continue to the starting point; each section shall be offered at public outcry

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until all the sections are offered; said work shall be sold in sections of not less than one hundred nor more than twenty five hundred feet, and it is also ordered that the Auditor of said County give notice of said sale by posters.

It is also ordered and directed that the County Surveyor, J. H. Asher, attend the time and place of said sale and conduct the same and receive all bids for the construction of said work; and that he make contracts with the lowest responsible bidder and take good and sufficient bonds for the labor of said improvement, conditioned for the faithful performance of said contract so to be made and for the completion of the work within the time fixed by the contract, and for all damages which may occur by reason of failure to complete the same within the time stipulated in said contract in a sum not less than double the estimated value of the work and labor of constructing the portion bid off by said contracting party.

It is further ordered that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement that Bonds of the County be issued for amounts to be hereinafter determined.

Bonds to run for three years.

The roll being called for the approval of the foregoing orders, and findings relating to said ditch improvement, H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley voted "Aye".

B. R. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk. Commissioners of Madison County: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley.

Ditch Sale.

Notice to Contractors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned engineer will sell at public outcry, on Wednesday, December, 11th 1901, at 10 o'clock, A.M. Standard Time, of said day, to the lowest responsible bidder therefor, the work of furnishing the tile and constructing the

Marion Ditch Improvement,

located in Jefferson Township, Madison County, Ohio. Said work will be sold in sections as follows, and then offered as a whole.

Main Ditch

Section No. 1 -	From Station 106 to Station 100.63.	
	Open ditch, 50 cu. yds. Excavation at 20¢.	\$10.00
Section No. 2 -	From Station 100.63 to Station 76.	
	149.25 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.50 per rod	\$223.88
	149.25 rods excavation at .58 1/4¢ per rod	\$87.01
		<hr/> \$310.89

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Section No. 3.- From Station 76 to Station 51		
151.5 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.50 per rod		\$227.25
151.5 rods excavation at .80 [¢] per rod		\$121.20
		\$348.45
Section No. 4.- From Station 51 to Station 43.		
48.5 rods 12 inch tile at \$1.50 per rod.		\$72.75
48.5 rods excavation at .40 [¢] per rod		\$19.40
		\$92.15
Section No. 5.- From Station 6 to Station 0		
18.5 rods 6 inch tile at .50 [¢]		\$9.25
18.5 rods 4 inch tile at .25 [¢]		\$4.50
36.5 rods excavation at .35 [¢]		\$12.74
		\$26.49
Laterals.		
Section No. 6- Lateral No. 3		
4 rods 6 inch tile at .50 [¢]		\$2.00
4 rods excavation at .25 [¢]		\$1.00
Lateral No. 1 of 3 } Lateral No. 2 of 3 }	52.3 rods 4 inch tile at .25 [¢]	\$13.07
	52.3 rods excavation at .25 [¢]	\$13.07
		\$29.14
Section No. 7- Lateral No. 4		
50 rods 4 inch tile at .25 [¢]		\$12.50
50 rods excavation at .40 [¢]		\$20.00
		\$32.50
Section No. 8- Protection wall		
4 feet x 5.5 feet x 3 feet. Good, large hand stone to be laid in Cement Mortar,		\$20.00

Bidders desiring to view the line of the ditch should do so prior to the time of sale. Bidders will meet at the place where the main ditch crosses the Lucas pike about 1 mile east of John Wilson's residence.

A deposit of \$10.00 in cash (no checks taken) will be required as a guarantee of good faith before any bid will be entertained.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

Bonds and contracts must be given within five days from date of sale.

Specifications now on file in the Auditor's Office at London, and will be with the Engineer on day of sale.

By order of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor. J. S. Asher, Engineer.

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Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell } Report of Sale of Labor of Construction

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To the Honorable Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio:
 Gentlemen: In obedience to your direction and also in
 pursuance of the notice duly given by the Auditor of the sale
 of the work of constructing the above styled improvement, at
 the time and place therein specified, I offered the said several
 working sections for sale to the lowest responsible bidder at
 public outcry and sold the same to the persons hereinafter
 named, at the prices herein stated, and took their contracts
 and bonds respectfully conditioned according to law, and
 return the same herewith for your approval.

Working Sections Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive were sold to Leonard Morgan
 Amount for which it sold - Two Hundred and Forty Five Dollars (\$245.⁰⁰)
 Amount for which it was estimated - Three Hundred and Fourteen Dollars
 and Forty Two Cents. (\$314.⁴²)

To be completed March 15th 1902.

Furnishing Tile for working sections 1 to 8 inclusive was
 sold to J. W. Van Winkle for the sum of Five Hundred and
 Sixty Three Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$563.³⁸)

Amount for which it was estimated - Five Hundred and Sixty
 Three Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents. (\$563.³⁸)

To be completed February 20th 1902.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
 December 11th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the Ditch Improvement petitioned for by
 Marion Bidwell.

Contract for Labor of Construction.

Whereas, The above styled improvement has been duly ordered,
 and advertised for sale according to law, and the construction
 of Working Sections No. 1 to 8 inclusive, was sold by the duly
 appointed Engineer, on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1901, to
 the undersigned, for Two Hundred and Forty Five Dollars, fur-
 nish 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 com-
 pleted on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1902.

Provided however this contract shall be of no force and effect
 until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County,
 Ohio.

J. M. Asher, Engineer. Leonard Morgan, Contractor.

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 Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell. } Contractor's Bond.

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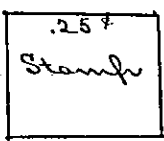
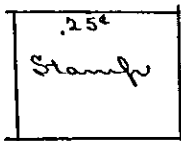
The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1.

Know all men by these presents, That Leonard Morgan as principal and Marion Bidwell and M. V. High as sureties, are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Four Hundred and Ninety Dollars, good and lawful money.

Signed and dated this 14th day of December, A. D. 1901.

The condition of the above obligation is such, however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor, has bid off the labor of constructing working sections 1 to 8 inclusive, 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 March, A. D. 1902.

Now, if the said Leonard Morgan 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.



Leonard Morgan,
Marion Bidwell
M. V. High

This contract and bond, and sureties on said bond, approved this 16th day of December, A. D. 1901.

J. H. Asher,
Engineer.

H. E. Bradley }
Jas. B. Anderson } Commissioners
Chas. S. Markley } of
Madison County

Contract for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
December, 11th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned }
for by Marion Bidwell. }

Contract for Drain Tile.

Whereas, the above styled improvement has been duly ordered and advertised for sale according to law, and the furnishing of all tile for Working Sections Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, sold by the County Surveyor on the 11th day of December, A. D. 1901, to J. W. Van Blevie for \$563.38. Now, in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by me to and with whomsoever may be interested therein, that I will furnish 349 rods of 12 inch drain tile from Station 43 to Station 100+6.3; and 22 1/2 rods of 6 inch drain tile, (18 1/2 rods) from station 2+80 to Station 5+85 and 4 rods on Lateral No. 3;

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113 rods of 4 inch tile; 22 3/4 rods on Lateral No. 1 of Lateral 3 and 30 3/4 rods on Lateral No. 2 of 3; and 50 rods on Lateral No. 4 and 10 rods on Main Ditch from Station 0 to 2+80, delivered on line of above styled improvement, beginning at once and delivered as fast as the contractor can use them; all of the same to be delivered on line of above styled improvement, all of the same to be delivered on or before the 20th day of February, A. D. 1902, provided this contract shall be of no force and effect until approved by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Ohio.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor.

J. W. Van Bleve, Contractor.

Contractor's Bond for Drain Tile.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio.

December 11th A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the }
Ditch Imp. Petitioned } Contractor's Bond.
for by Marion Bidwell }

Know all men by these presents that J. W. Van Bleve as principal and C. W. Van Bleve, Simpson Van Bleve, Calvin Van Bleve and J. B. Holland as sureties are firmly held and bound unto the State of Ohio, in the penal sum of Eleven Hundred and Twenty Six and 7/100 Dollars, good and lawful money. Signed and dated this 11th day of December, A. D. 1901.

The condition of the above obligation is such, however, that whereas, the above bounden principal contractor has bid off the furnishing and delivering the drain tile for constructing working section Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, has duly entered into the annexed contract, subject to the condition that the same shall be approved by the Commissioners of said county.

Now if the said J. W. Van Bleve 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.

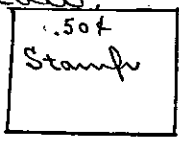
Calvin Van Bleve,

J. W. Van Bleve,

J. B. Holland.

C. W. Van Bleve,

Simpson Van Bleve.



This Contract and Bond and Sureties on said Bond approved this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1901.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor.

H. E. Bradley,

President of Board of Commissioners.

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Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio,
December, 23rd A. D. 1901.

In the matter of the
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for by Marion Bidwell.

Approval of Contracts and Bonds.

J. H. Asher the County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law, filed the contracts entered into with Leonard Morgan and J. W. Van Blevé for doing said work, and the bonds of said contractors, which contracts and bonds have all been examined and approved by this board, and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby ordered to notify each of said contractors of the approval of his contract, and that he is required to comply therewith.

B. A. Taylor,
County Auditor.

H. E. Bradley,
President Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County,
London, Ohio, December 16th 1901.

Board of Commissioners met today in regular session.

Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. S. Markley.

In the matter of the
Marion Bidwell
Ditch Improvement.

Approval of Contractor's Bonds.

J. H. Asher, County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of the work of constructing said improvement, and having within the time required by law filed the contracts entered into with Leonard Morgan for doing said work, and the bond of said contractor, which contract and bond has been examined and approved by this Board, and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby notified to notify said contractors of the approval of said contract and bond at that he is required to comply therewith.

The roll being called for the approval of the above orders, all members voted "Aye."

B. A. Taylor,
Auditor and Clerk.

H. E. Bradley
Jas. B. Anderson
Chas. S. Markley } Commissioners
of
Madison County.

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond.
For Constructing Ditch.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, December, 24th 1901.
To J. W. Van Blevé, Contractor: You are hereby notified

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that the Contract and Bond made and taken between you and the Engineer for furnishing tile of the Ditch Improvement, petitioned for by Marion Bidwell No. 1 now on file with the Auditor of said County, having been duly approved by the Commissioners.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, December 23rd 1901.

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Commissioners met today in regular session. Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley. In the matter of the Ditch Imp. Petitioned for by Marion Bidwell } Approval of Contract and Bond.

J. H. Asher, the County Surveyor, having made his report of the sale of the work of construction of said improvement and having within the time required by law, filed the contract entered into with J. W. Van Dine, for furnishing tile for said work, and the bond of said contractor, which contract and bond has been examined and approved by this board and they are ordered to be filed according to law.

The Auditor is hereby ordered to notify said contractor of the approval of his contract and bond and that he is required to comply therewith.

Upon call of roll for the approval of the above entry, all members voted "Aye".

B. A. Taylor, Auditor and Clerk. H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson, Chas. B. Markley. } Commissioners of Madison County

Notice of Approval of Contract and Bond for constructing ditch.

Auditor's Office, Madison County, Ohio, December 24th 1901.

To Leonard Morgan, Contractor: You are hereby notified that the Contract and Bond made and taken between you and the Engineer for constructing Working Sections Nos. 1 to 8 inclusive, of the ditch improvement petitioned for by Marion Bidwell No. 1 now on file with the Auditor of said County have been duly approved by the Commissioners.

B. A. Taylor, County Auditor.

Commissioner's Office, Madison County, London, Ohio, May, 12th 1902.

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Board of Commissioners met today in regular session. Present: H. E. Bradley, Jas. B. Anderson and Chas. B. Markley. In the matter of the Issue and Sale of Bonds for Marion Bidwell

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Ditch Improvement No. 1.

This day the Commissioners considered the matter of issuing and selling county bonds to meet the expense of the Madison Bidwell Ditch Improvement, No. 1.

It was moved by Chas. S. Markley and seconded by Jas. B. Anderson, that for the purpose of raising money necessary to pay for the expense of said improvement, that bonds of the county be issued for said improvement as follows, viz:

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One Bond for \$160, due January 1st 1903
 One Bond for \$160, due July 1st 1903
 One Bond for \$160, due January 1st 1904
 One Bond for \$160, due July 1st 1904
 One Bond for \$160, due January 1st 1905
 One Bond for \$160, due July 1st 1905

Total amount of said Bonds Nine hundred and sixty Dollars

Said Bonds to bear date of July 1st 1902, and bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, represented by coupons payable as follows: First installment due January 1st 1903, and payable semi-annually thereafter, and due January 1st and July 1st of each year. Said Bonds are to be issued 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.

Bids to be received for the entire issue or any portion or part thereof; and no bonds will be sold for less than their face value.

Bidders will be required to state the gross amount they will pay for said bonds or any portion or part thereof.

Bonds and interest payable at the County Treasurer's Office in London, Ohio, and said bonds will be delivered to the successful bidder or bidders at said Treasurer's Office upon payment of purchase price, together with any accrued interest.

Each bidder will be required to deposit cash to an amount at least equaling five per cent of the bid to bind the purchase; the deposited amount of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to the owner.

Commissioners reserve the right to reject and all bids.

The County Auditor is directed to cause legal notice of such proposed bond sale, to be published in the "London Times" a newspaper of general circulation in Madison County, Ohio.

Upon the approval of the foregoing entry as to said bond issue, the roll being called, H. C. Bradley, Jas. B. An-

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Person and Ohas. S. Markley voted "Aye". Carried.
 H. E. Bradley,
 B. A. Taylor, } Commissioners
 Auditor and Clerk. } of Madison County.
 Jas. B. Anderson
 Ohas. S. Markley.

Proof of Publication of Bond Sale.

The State of Ohio, Madison County S. S.
 W. A. Bacone being duly sworn says he is the manager of
 the "London Times" a weekly newspaper printed and of
 general circulation in said County, and that a no-
 tice, of which the annexed is a copy, was published
 in said newspaper for at least 5 consecutive weeks
 prior to the 21st day of June, 1902.
 W. A. Bacone.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of June,
 A. D. 1902. B. A. Taylor, Auditor, Printer's Fee.

Notice of Bond Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Com-
 missioners of Madison County, Ohio, will receive sealed
 bids, filed with the Auditor of Madison County, in
 London, Ohio, up to twelve o'clock, noon, (standard time)
 on Saturday June 21st 1902, for the purchase by the
 highest bidder, of certain bonds, said bonds are for raising
 money for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, and are
 specifically described as follows:
 Six Bonds of \$100 each, to bear date of July 1st 1902, and due
 January 1st and March 1st of each year.
 Said Bonds will bear date of July 1st 1902, and will bear
 interest at the rate of four (4) per cent, per annum,
 represented by coupons, payable as follows: First in-
 stallment due January 1st 1903 and payable semi-annually
 thereafter and due January 1st and July 1st of each year.
 Said Bonds are issued in pursuance of the authority
 granted by Sections 4479, 4481 + 4482 of the Revised Statutes
 of Ohio, and the laws amendatory thereof and supple-
 mentary thereto. Bids will be received for the entire is-
 sue or any part thereof and no bonds will be sold for
 less than their face value. Bidders will be required to
 state the gross amount they will pay for said Bonds
 or any portion or part thereof. Bonds and Interest pay-
 able at the County Treasurer's Office in London, Ohio,
 and said Bonds will be delivered to the successful bid-
 der or bidder at said Treasurer's Office upon payment of
 purchase price together with any accrued interest.
 Each bidder will be required to deposit cash to an amount
 at least equaling five (5) per cent of the amount of the
 Bonds bid, to bind the purchase, the deposited amount of

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unsuccessful bidders will be returned to the owner. Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids. By Order of the County Commissioners. B. A. Taylor, Aud. Madison Co. Ohio.

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June 21st 1902. Sale of County Bonds. Special Session. This being the day fixed by the Board for the sale of Ditch Improvement Bonds, which bonds are specifically described in the order for the sale of the same, dated May, 12th 1902, and described on page 504 this volume of the proceedings of the Commissioners; and the board being satisfied that said sale of bonds had been duly and legally advertised, proceeded to conduct the same in accordance with the aforesaid order. Bids were received and recorded as follows: The Madison National Bank, London, Ohio, The Central Bank, London, Ohio. After due consideration of all the bids, it was moved by Chas. B. Markley and seconded by James B. Anderson, that the bid of the Madison National Bank, London, Ohio be accepted, and that the Auditor be directed to prepare said bonds so sold.

Upon the adoption of the foregoing motion, the roll being called, H. E. Bradley, Chas. B. Markley and Jas. B. Anderson voted "aye".
B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk. H. E. Bradley, Commissioner of Madison County. Jas. B. Anderson, Commissioner of Madison County. Chas. B. Markley, Commissioner of Madison County.

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Sept. 8th 1902. Assessments. Regular Session. The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1, having been provided for according to law, and the Board of County Commissioners having determined to raise money necessary to pay the expense of said improvement, it is hereby ordered that assessments shall be made upon the lots and lands benefited payable as follows: The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1, in three annual installments, and that assessments for the year 1902, sufficient to pay the cost of location, the bonds and interest due, and the first and all claims for compensation and damages allowed be made in proportion to the estimate made on the said improvement. It is further ordered that the County Auditor be directed to make and furnish to the Treasurer a special duplicate for the year 1902 charging each of the lots and lands assessed for The Marion Bidwell Ditch Improvement No. 1, 3 1/3 per cent of the gross assessment, and that assessments shall be made annually hereafter, sufficient to pay the bonds and interest due each year until paid.

B. A. Taylor, Auditor & Clerk. Recorded, Sept. 8th 1902. Jas. B. Anderson, Commissioner of Madison County. Chas. B. Markley, Commissioner of Madison County. H. E. Bradley, Commissioner of Madison County.