

"Each probate judge, auditor, treasurer, clerk of courts, sheriff, surveyor and recorder, shall charge and collect the fees, costs, percentages, allowances and compensation allowed by law, and shall give to the person making payment thereof an official receipt in manner and form as may be prescribed by the bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices."

As above indicated, the authority for the appointment of employes in the surveyor's office was formerly found in Section 2788, General Code, under the title "County Surveyor", which section read as follows:

"The county surveyor shall appoint such assistants, deputies, draughtsmen, inspectors, clerks or employes as he deems necessary for the proper performance of the duties of his office, and fix their compensation, but compensation shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount fixed therefor by the county commissioners. After being so fixed, such compensation shall be paid to such persons in monthly installments from the general fund of the county upon the warrant of the county auditor."

This section, together with Section 2787, General Code, was formerly Section 1183, Revised Statutes, originally enacted in 98 O. L. 247, 296. Section 2978, General Code, *supra*, did not originally include the surveyor as one of the officers governed by the provisions of that and succeeding sections, including 2981. In 1919, Sections 2787 and 2788, General Code, were repealed and Section 2978, *supra*, was amended so as to include the word "surveyor", 108 O. L., Part 2, page 1203, 1217. This amendment served to make applicable Section 2981, *supra*, so that Section 2788, General Code, was no longer necessary, as the term "other employes" in Section 2981, General Code, was apparently sufficiently comprehensive to include draughtsmen, inspectors, etc., enumerated in the prior section.

In specific answer to your question therefore, you are advised that county surveyors are authorized by Section 2981, General Code, to appoint and employ necessary deputies, assistants, clerks, bookkeepers or other employes for their respective offices.

Respectfully,
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APPROVAL, BONDS OF THE CITY OF WARREN, TRUMBULL COUNTY
—\$20,500.00.

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