

4. Investigate highway conditions in any county, and report all violations of duty to the attorney general.

5. Make surveys, plans, and estimates of cost, for the elimination of danger at railroad crossings on highways, and to confer with local, and railroad officials, and with the Iowa railroad commission with reference to such elimination.

6. Assist the board of supervisors and the attorney general in the defense of suits wherein infringement of patents, relative to highway construction, is alleged.

7. Make surveys for the improvement of highways upon or adjacent to state property when requested by the board of control of said lands.

8. Record all important operations of said commission and, at the time provided by law, report the same to the governor.

9. Incur no expense to the state by sending out road lecturers.

10. Establish a system of uniform guide and warning signs to provide for convenience and safety of travel upon the primary road system; also to adopt rules and regulations for the location, erection and maintenance of the same, said signs to be erected by the board of supervisors under said rules and regulations.

Such signs shall be furnished by the highway commission, to the several counties making application therefor at actual cost and paid for, from the county's allotment of the primary road fund.

Upon the failure of the board of supervisors of any county to complete the marking by August 1, 1925, the commission shall proceed to erect such guide and warning signs. Where primary roads are now well marked, such uniform marking shall be deferred until the present markings need renewing.

Sec. 7. Counsel. The attorney general shall act as attorney for said commission on all matters pertaining to their duties, and take such action as may be deemed advisable by him in order to correct violations of the laws relative to highway matters.

Approved April 3, 1924.

CHAPTER 80

PATROLLING OF HIGHWAYS

H. F. 122

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter eight (8) of title eleven (11) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the patrolling of public highways.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter eight (8) of title eleven (11) of the compiled Code of Iowa is amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Road patrolmen. The board of supervisors shall cause all highways under their jurisdiction to be patrolled, throughout each roadworking season, and at such other times as they may direct, and to this end shall appoint such number of patrolmen as may be necessary to perform such duty.

Sec. 2. Tenure and salary. Such patrolmen shall receive such compensation as the board may determine, shall be subject to the orders of the board, and shall hold their positions at the pleasure of the board.

Sec. 3. Bonds. Said patrolmen shall give bond for the faithful performance of their duties, and in such sums as the board may order. Said bonds shall be approved by the board.

Sec. 4. Tools. The said board shall supply said patrolmen with all necessary tools and equipment, and the patrolmen shall be responsible upon their bond for the care of the same.

Sec. 5. Duties. Each road patrolman shall:

1. Devote his entire time to his duties.
2. Personally inspect, at least once each week, and oftener if notified of defect in roads or bridges, all roads assigned to him.
3. Seasonably drag, or cause to be dragged, after each rain, and at such other times as may be necessary, all roads assigned to him.
4. Keep all sluices, culverts, and bridges and the openings thereof and all side ditches of the road free from obstructions.
5. Provide such side ditches with ample outlets.
6. Remove loose stones and other impediments from the traveled part of the highway.
7. Fill depressions and keep the road free from ruts, water pockets, and mud holes.
8. Repair the approaches to bridges and culverts and keep such approaches smooth and free from obstruction.
9. Perform such other duties as the board may direct.

Approved January 22, 1924.

CHAPTER 81

TOWNSHIP ROAD SYSTEM

S. F. 123

AN ACT to amend, revise, and codify chapter nine (9) of title eleven (11) and section twenty-nine hundred sixty-two (2962) of the compiled code of Iowa, relating to the township road system, the repair and improvement of the same, and the duties of the officers having jurisdiction thereover.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

That chapter nine (9) of title eleven (11) and section twenty-nine hundred sixty-two (2962) of the compiled Code of Iowa are amended, revised, and codified to read as follows:

Section 1. Township system defined. The township road system shall embrace all highways of the township which are outside the limits of cities and towns and which are not a state road or a part of the primary road system or of the county road system.