

Van Ness Road Improvement
April 17th 1888.

In the Matter of the State Road Improvement
in the Counties of Union & Madison.

The Commissioners of the Counties of Union & Madison in the State of Ohio this day met in joint session at the Auditors Office of Madison County at London Ohio at 10 o'clock P.M. in pursuance of and at the time & place appointed in a notice given by the said Auditor of Madison County, the county in which the principal petitioners for the improvement hereinafter mentioned reside to the Auditor of said County of Union as required by sections 4858 of the Revised Statutes of Ohio, were present. John K. Dodge, P. M. Brauman & S. H. Henderson of Union County & Samuel Gralick, W. E. Beale & A. C. Phillett of Madison County together with W. L. Ward, Auditor of Madison County, as Clerk of the Joint Board. Upon motion of A. C. Phillett, J. K. Dodge was elected President of the Joint Board, and the said Commissioners of said Counties being in joint session as aforesaid.

A petition signed by J. S. Van Ness and twenty three other land holders whose lands will be accessed for the expense of the improvement mentioned below was this day presented to the Joint Board of Commissioners of Union & Madison Counties Ohio praying for the improvement under the Two Mile Accessment Pike Laws of Ohio of a State road in the Counties of Union & Madison by straightening, grading, graveling, bridging & culverting the same of a State road along the following described route to wit:

Beginning at a point in Union County where the old Drvin & London road intersects the Drvin & Plain City road thence in westerly course with the line of the old Drvin & London road to where it crosses the Madison & Union County line continuing on the line of said road to where it makes an angle to the south passing the lands of James McElroy, Asa Bates, Alice Ervin, James Miller & B. F. Ervin, thence continuing on the line of said road crossing Searby Creek passing the lands of B. F. Ervin & J. C. Muller, J. S. Van Ness & The Gaddis land passing School House No 5 and passing the lands of Sillie S. Van Ness, William Yeagell & Joseph Munnica to a point where said road intersects the Mechanicsburg & Liverpool Turnpike along the present route of said road as nearly as possible. A good & sufficient bond signed by J. S. Van Ness & B. F. Ervin in the sum of \$200.00 conditioned according to law, has also been filed with said Joint Board thereupon the said Joint Board appointed Samuel McNeil, & J. C. Whipple of Union County, & Fulton Armstrong of Madison, of Madison County, three disinterested free holders of the said Counties as viewers & Clint Morse of Madison County as engineers & directed them to meet at the residence of Asa Bates in Union County on the 17th day of May 1888 at 10 o'clock A. M. & after being duly sworn to take to their assistance two suitable persons as chain carriers & proceed to view, examine layout or straighten said road as in their opinions public utility and

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convenience require, to assess and determine the damage sustained by any person, through whose premises the road is proposed to be laid out straightened or improved; and to do such other things in the premises as are required of you by law, and to make a report [&] profile of their proceedings in writing to this Joint Board at its next regular session on the 7th day of June, 1888, at 10 o'clock P. M. at the Auditors Office, of Madison County, at London Ohio.

The Auditor is directed to give notice as required by law in such cases.

Upon Motion of F. W. Brannan a vote upon all of the above stated matter was taken, said vote was as follows.

Yeas, J. B. Dodge, F. W. Brannan, S. H. Henderson, Saml Fralick
W. E. Beale, & A. C. Willitt. Nays none.

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Presd^t of Joint Board of
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W. E. Ward,
Auditor of Madison County
& Clerk of Joint Board.

Thursday June 7th 1888,
Regular Joint Session.

This day the Commissioners of the Counties of Union & Madison, met in regular joint session at the Auditors Office of Madison County at London Ohio, at 10 o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment of April 17th 1888. Members present John B. Dodge, F. W. Brannan, & S. H. Henderson of Union County & Saml Fralick, W. E. Beale & A. C. Willitt of Madison County together with W. E. Ward, Auditor of Madison County as clerk of the Joint Board.

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The report of the viewers heretofore appointed having been made as required by law, & said report being in favor of said improvement & showing that there is a public necessity therefor & the Board being satisfied by a comparison & count of the petitioners for said improvement & land holders taxable therefor as reported by the viewers & other evidence that a majority of land owners whose lands would be assessed for the expense of this cause, have signed the petitions asking for said improvement, that public utility requires it; & that the proceedings had heretofore were in conformity to law;