

## CHAPTER IV

### COUNTY OFFICIALS

The time of holding the first regular county election was in the year of 1852. At this election was elected the first set of regularly elected county officers—auditor, clerk, treasurer, recorder, sheriff, surveyor, coroner and three county commissioners.

The first auditor was Jacob G. Black; the first sheriff was Jacob S. Wampler; the first recorder was Jacob Bozarth, Sr.; the first clerk was Stephen Jackson; the first treasurer was Jacob Tillman; the first surveyor was John S. Bender; the first coroner was James B. Prettyman; the first commissioners were George Estey, William Parker and John W. P. Hopkins.

The first county school superintendent or school examiner was appointed in 1861, which honor was conferred on Andrew Porter.

The first man to hold the office of assessor was Nathan McCumber, who was elected in the year of 1863.

The first judge of the court was E. M. Chamberlain, and he held the first term of court in May, 1851, in Mrs. Rachel Lambert's house on the south bank of Yellow River in Knox. There were at that time two associate judges, Samuel Burke and George Milroy. The old building disappeared many years ago. At this term of court there was an indictment found against some parties for stealing, but there was no conviction.

The county officers from the organization in 1850 to the present time are:

#### COUNTY CLERKS

Stephen Jackson.  
Jacob Bozarth, Sr.  
Charles Humphrey.  
John S. Bender.  
Oliver H. P. Howard.  
Andrew W. Porter.

Willoughby M. McCormick.  
Matthias T. Hepner.  
Jeremiah Good.  
James C. Fletcher.  
Henry E. White.  
Mahlon J. Hartzler.

#### COUNTY RECORDERS

Jacob Bozarth, Sr.  
William M. Calkins.

Michael M. Kelley.  
Henry Seegrist.

Willoughby M. McCormick.  
 Sylvester A. McCrackin.  
 Austin P. Dial.

Jacob P. Quigley.  
 Sidney J. Childs.

## COUNTY AUDITORS

Jacob G. Black.  
 Charles S. Tibbits.  
 Charles Humphrey.  
 John S. Bender.  
 James H. Adair.  
 Robert H. Bender.

Alexander H. Henderson.  
 William Perry.  
 Aug. H. Knosman.  
 John W. Kurtz.  
 Lee M. Ransbottom.  
 Charles W. Weninger.

## COUNTY TREASURERS

Jacob Tillman.  
 Adam Lambert.  
 Willoughby M. McCormick.  
 Solon O. Whitson.  
 Wingate Prettyman.  
 John Good.  
 Matthias T. Hepner.  
 William H. H. Coffin.  
 Austin P. Dial.

Joseph K. Hartzler.  
 Frank P. Whitson.  
 Andrew O. Castleman.  
 Oratio D. Fuller.  
 George W. Lightcap.  
 Wilbert A. Pierson.  
 Jacob S. Short.  
 Frank Joseph.

## COUNTY SHERIFFS

Jacob S. Wampler.  
 Andrew W. Porter.  
 Solon O. Whitson.  
 William P. Chapman.  
 Wingate Prettyman.  
 Matthias T. Hepner.  
 William Elmendorff.  
 William H. H. Coffin.  
 George S. Savery.

William Seagraves.  
 Mathew Kays.  
 Joseph E. Jones.  
 Jacob Van Derweele.  
 Joseph E. Harvey.  
 William H. Harter.  
 Sidney A. Uncapher.  
 Andrew J. Laramore.  
 George W. Pettis.

## COUNTY CORONERS

James B. Prettyman.  
 John Lindsey.  
 Adam Lambert.  
 Jacob K. Krites.  
 Samuel Smith.  
 Elijah Wood.  
 David P. Favorite.  
 Wingate Prettyman.  
 Joseph W. Hiler.  
 Thomas R. Lambert.  
 Leander E. Conner.

Mark R. Wright.  
 William M. Kelley.  
 Charles Waddell.  
 Thomas J. Agnew.  
 George W. Scofield.  
 Israel Uncapher.  
 Wilson T. Loring.  
 James S. Denaut.  
 Samuel S. Bonner.  
 William J. Solt.  
 Frank Eatinger.

## COUNTY SURVEYORS

John S. Bender.  
Robert H. Bender.  
John P. Kelley.  
William C. Boyles.  
John E. Short.  
Joseph N. McCormick.  
George M. D. Fisher.  
Abner L. Pursell.  
Henry C. Roney.

John W. Good.  
Howard M. Chapel.  
Adam F. Seider.  
Leo M. Kelley.  
Alfred A. Savery.  
William H. Morris.  
Marvin A. Schrock.  
Charles A. Good.

## COUNTY ASSESSORS

Nathan McCumber.  
Eli Brown.  
Christopher Hillabold.  
Thomas Cussins.  
Peter Speelman.  
William P. Stanton.

Jacob Keller.  
Albert C. Wolfram.  
William James.  
George W. Harkins.  
Oscar B. Rockwell.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

William Parker.  
George Estey.  
John W. P. Hopkins.  
Andrew Long.  
Edward Smith.  
Abram Welsh.  
George Felden.  
John Good.  
William P. Chapman.  
James P. Fry.  
William Swartzell.  
Isaac Reed.  
Jacob Kelter.  
Eli Brown.  
Jesse Jackson, Sr.  
Madison Jones.  
Matthias T. Hepner.  
John W. Rea.  
Jefferson Seagraves.  
Christian Kreis.  
Richard M. Gibbs.  
William L. Seudder.  
Oratio D. Fuller.

William Turner.  
George Stocker.  
Joseph M. Hiler.  
James M. Tucker.  
Daniel H. Stanton.  
Daniel Lefever.  
Jacob Kreis.  
William Collins.  
Fred E. Vergin.  
William Miller.  
Samuel Lefever.  
Elijah W. Geiselman.  
Jacob Shilling.  
Henry Bender.  
Edward Tucker.  
Christian Borchert.  
Henry C. Short.  
Sherman Carnes.  
James G. Heilman.  
Peter Mosher.  
Henry Luken.  
Lee Wolfe.

## OUR PRESENT COUNTY OFFICERS

Charles W. Weninger.....	Auditor
Frank Joseph .....	Treasurer
Mahlon J. Hartzler .....	Clerk
George Pettis .....	Sheriff
Sidney A. Childs .....	Recorder
Charles A. Good .....	Surveyor
Frank Eatinger .....	Coroner
Carroll W. Cannon .....	County School Superintendent
Oscar B. Rockwell .....	County Assessor
William J. Reed .....	County Attorney
Henry Luken .....	County Commissioner
Peter Mosher .....	County Commissioner
Lee Wolfe .....	County Commissioner
Cyrenus E. Geiselman.....	County Road Superintendent
H. R. Smalley .....	County Agricultural Agent

## TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

William P. Castleman.....	North Bend Township
Elmer Cochenour .....	Washington Township
John Nelson .....	Oregon Township
Lewis Raschka .....	California Township
George Rogers .....	Center Township
Benjamin F. Weninger.....	Wayne Township
George Wisert .....	Davis Township
Owen Dailey .....	Railroad Township
Benjamin Fleishman .....	Jackson Township

## PRESENT TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS

George Brown .....	North Bend Township
Clem L. Rodgers.....	Washington Township
William H. Dipert.....	Oregon Township
John C. Baker.....	California Township
John W. Stevenson.....	Center Township
Frank Burjnek .....	Wayne Township
Peter Roney .....	Railroad Township
Conrad Lotter .....	Davis Township
John P. Micholski.....	Jackson Township

The county consists of nine townships: North Bend Township, Washington Township, Oregon Township, California Township, Center Township, Wayne Township, Railroad Township, Davis Township, and Jackson Township.

The object in these lists was to give the names of all the county officers, but of course some of them held the same office more than one term.