

BOARD MEETING
August 16, 1878
Court House

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg met at Court House this the 16th day August 1878 on call of the Mayor.

Present Mayor Clark, Aldermen Parr, Sawyers, Miller, Scott & White.

The object of the meeting was explained by the Mayor for the purpose of adopting some measures to prevent persons coming from districts infected with yellow fever from entering our Town.

On motion the Board ordered that the Town be declared quarantined.

The question was then submitted to the citizens present who voted for it unanimously.

Board then adjourned to meet again at 1 o'clock.

Board met at one o'clock pursuant to adjournment.

On motion a committee was appointed to draw up quarantine regulations, Aldermen Parr, Miller, Scott & White committee.

The above committee reported as follows:

Whereas, in view of the unusual and extraordinary spread of the Yellow Fever infecting places heretofore considered free from epidemics of that disease and whereas the citizens of the Town demand all practical safe guards, therefore the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Dyersburg do hereby pass an ordinance to quarantine the Town against all persons coming from infected places until said ordinance shall be repealed, the Board makes it the duty of every citizen, hotel keeper and livery stable keeper to report every arrival to the Marshal before such persons are allowed to stop or are taken in and in case any person neglect this duty he shall be reported to the Mayor to be dealt with at his discretion. The Marshal is required to see all persons before arrival when practical and when not, as soon as notified by the parties above named and if not satisfied that such individuals are not from infected districts, he shall take them before the Mayor for his examination and if found to be from any place where the fever prevails shall be requested to remain outside of the Corporation for ten days and on refusal to do so shall be fined at the discretion of the Mayor.

On motion the above report was ordered to be received and committee discharged.

On motion it was ordered that no citizens shall visit the quarantine quarters at the fair grounds or elsewhere without permission from the Mayor, except physicians and nurses. Any person violating this ordinance shall be required to remain in quarantine quarters for ten days. All persons in quarantine quarters shall not be allowed to come within the limits of the Corporation, any one doing so will be arrested and fined not less than Five dollars (\$5.00) or more than Twenty five dollars (\$25.00).

On motion a committee was appointed to procure suitable quarters for quarantine purposes, Aldermen Sawyers, Scott and Miller committee.

On motion the Recorder was ordered to have 100 posters printed declaring the Town quarantined and all persons from any infected places and prohibited from entering the Corporation under penalty of a fine of Twenty Five Dollars and of being confined in quarantine quarters for ten days.

Board then adjourned to meet again tomorrow morning.

Board met this Saturday morning pursuant to adjournment. Present Mayor Clark, Aldermen Parr, Sawyers, Miller and White.

On motion it was ordered that all persons failing to obey the orders of the Marshal in regard to cleansing and disinfecting their premises shall be subject to arrest and fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) or at the discretion of the Mayor.

On motion the foregoing minutes were read and ordered to be approved and signed.

On motion Board adjourned.

C. P. Clark, Mayor

Attest: N. C. White, Recorder