

Chapter 6151: WATERCOURSES

6151.01 Power of county commissioners to straighten watercourses.

When in its opinion it is necessary or advisable, in order to provide proper protection or a proper location for a proposed bridge or road, the board of county commissioners may divert, alter, straighten, or clean out a river, creek, or other watercourse, and for such purpose may acquire the necessary property and settle all claims for damages of any persons interested. The expenses so incurred shall be payable out of the funds provided for the protection or construction of said bridge or road.

Effective Date: 10-01-1953 .

6151.02 Resolution for appropriation of property.

In order to acquire property as provided in section [6151.01](#) of the Revised Code by appropriation proceedings, the board of county commissioners shall adopt a resolution declaring the necessity therefor; and shall then proceed in accordance with sections [163.01](#) to [163.22](#), inclusive, of the Revised Code.

Effective Date: 02-21-1967 .

6151.03 to 6151.08 [Repealed].

Effective Date: 01-01-1966 .

6151.09 Protection of bridge or road.

The board of county commissioners may cause a river, creek, or watercourse to be straightened or cleaned out for the protection of any bridge or road within its control.

Effective Date: 10-01-1953 .

6151.10 to 6151.12 [Repealed].

Effective Date: 04-09-1981 .

6151.13 Cost of letting work.

All cost of letting the work as authorized by sections [6151.01](#), [6151.02](#), and [6151.09](#) of the Revised Code, the expense of the work, and other expenses therein shall be paid from the bridge or motor vehicle license and gasoline tax funds of the county when the work is accepted and approved by the board of county commissioners, which shall direct the payment thereof.

Effective Date: 04-09-1981 .

6151.14 Removal of drift.

The board of county commissioners may remove from a river, watercourse, or creek, within the county, drift, timber, piling, or other obstruction placed or negligently allowed to remain therein by a person that obstructs to any extent the free flow of the water or endangers a county or township road, after giving thirty days' notice to the person, or an agent thereof, to remove the obstruction within that time.

The expenses of the removal shall be paid out of the county general fund, and the amount so paid together with fifty per cent penalty shall be placed upon the tax duplicate by the county auditor against the person to be collected as other taxes.

The board of county commissioners may remove from a river, watercourse, or creek, within the county, drift, timber, piling, or other obstruction deposited by nature at a single location that obstructs to any extent the free

flow of the water or endangers a county or township road. The expenses of the removal may be paid from county funds.

Effective Date: 04-09-1981 .