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# County Seat

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## Acts of 1796 Chapter 32

WHEREAS, by an act passed at this session, John Donelson, William Johnson, Sen., John Young, James Norset, and Samuel Crocket, are appointed commissioners, and authorized to lay off and appoint a place, the most central and convenient in the county of Robertson, for the purpose of erecting a court house, prison, and stocks; And whereas, said commissioners are, by the said act, authorized to receive certain monies, therein appropriated, to the aforesaid purposes:

**SECTION 1.** Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, that the said commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized to appropriate and lay out such part of said monies, in the purchase of fifty acres of land, to lay the same out into a town, and to sell and execute deeds for lots, and to apply the money (or part thereof) arising from the sale, to the building of a courthouse, prison, and stocks; which town shall be called and known by the name of Springfield: And the said commissioners shall give bond and security to the governor, or his successors in office, in the penal sum of one thousand dollars; conditioned, for the due purposes before expelled; and well and truly to account for the same, to and with the court of the said county of Robertson, which bond shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the said county.

Passed: April 20, 1796.

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