

Incorporated towns authorized to secure lands for airports.

empowered to acquire, by lease or purchase, any land, lying either within or without the limits of such incorporated towns, which, in the judgment of the corporate authorities thereof, may be necessary and desirable for the purpose of establishing and maintaining municipal airports, airdromes, aviation landing fields, intermediate landing fields, and airport facilities.

Authorization to establish and lease airports.

Section 2. Any incorporated town of this Commonwealth, acquiring land under the provisions of this act, is authorized and empowered to establish, equip, condition, operate and maintain the same as a municipal airport, airdrome, landing field, or intermediate landing field, and may lease the same, or any part thereof, to any individual or corporation desiring to use the same for aviation purposes; and any incorporated town of this Commonwealth may enter into a contract, in the form of a lease, providing for the use of said land, or any part thereof, by the Government of the United States or by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the use by said Government or Commonwealth of said land for aviation purposes, upon nominal rental or without consideration.

Joint airports.

Section 3. Any incorporated town, acquiring land under the provisions of this act, is authorized and empowered to acquire, by lease or purchase, land for aviation purposes, as hereinbefore provided, jointly with any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, or political subdivision of this Commonwealth, and is hereby authorized and empowered to operate and maintain said airport, airdrome, landing field, or intermediate landing field, jointly, with any county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, or other political subdivision of this Commonwealth, upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the proper authorities of the county, city, borough, incorporated town, township, or other political subdivision of this Commonwealth.

Repeal.

Section 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 229

AN ACT

Authorizing the compromise of tax claims on real property purchased by the county on county treasurers' sales for nonpayment of taxes, and the reconveyance of such property.

Tax claims on property purchased by county.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That whenever the county commissioners of any county have heretofore or shall hereafter purchase any real property at any county

treasurer's sale for nonpayment of taxes under any act of Assembly authorizing such sale, and such property has not been redeemed or sold by the county as authorized by law, the county commissioners, subject to the approval of the court of common pleas, may, whether or not the period of redemption has expired, agree with the former owner of such property, or his heirs, to accept, in compromise of the amount of the taxes, penalties, interest and costs due, any sum less than the whole of such amount so due, whereupon either the county commissioners or the person with whom such agreement is made may petition the court of common pleas for confirmation of such agreement.

County commissioners authorized to compromise.

Petition for confirmation.

Section 2. Upon presentation of such petition, the court shall fix a day, not more than ten days thereafter, for a hearing thereon. At least five days' notice of such hearing shall be given to the taxing authorities of each municipal subdivision having tax claims against such real estate.

Hearing.

Notice.

Section 3. If, after such hearing, the court is satisfied that the proposed compromise is proper and to the advantage of the county and the other taxing authorities interested, it shall enter a decree approving such compromise settlement, or such other settlement as the court may find to be proper, and directing a conveyance of such property by the county to the former owner, or his heirs, upon the payment of the agreed amount and of all costs of the proceeding. The proceeds of such compromise shall be distributed to the respective taxing authorities in proportion to their tax claims. The title conveyed shall be free and clear of all tax liens, but shall not discharge any liens which would not have been discharged on sale for the taxes.

Approval of compromise settlement.

Conveyance.

Distribution of proceeds.

Title.

Section 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Section 5. The provisions of this act shall become effective immediately upon its final enactment.

When effective.

APPROVED—The 25th day of May, A. D. 1933.

GIFFORD PINCHOT

No. 230

AN ACT

Relating to seated lands purchased by county commissioners at county treasurer's sale of seated lands for collection of taxes; authorizing the county commissioners to sell the same at private sale under the circumstances.

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That from and after the passage of this act, county commissioners be, and they are hereby, authorized to sell at private sale any and all seated lands purchased by them, pursuant to existing

Seated lands purchased by county commissioners at tax sale.