

CHAPTER 32.

An Act to Organize the County of Sibley.

March 2, 1854.

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Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota:
That the County of Sibley be and the same is hereby declared to be organized with all and singular, the rights and privileges and immunities to which all organized counties in this Territory are entitled by law.

County of Sibley.

Sec. 2. That at the next general election, it shall be competent for the legal voters in the said County of Sibley to elect all county officers, justices of the peace, and constables, as said county may be entitled to by law, which officers shall qualify and enter upon the duties of their office at the time, and in the manner prescribed by law.

To elect officers.

Sec. 3. That the southern boundary of Sibley county shall be so changed that from the mouth of Rush river, said line shall follow the middle of said stream, and the main branch thereof to its source, and thence on a direct line to the point on Crow river designated by law, as the boundary of said county.

Boundaries.

Sec. 4. That the said county of Sibley is hereby attached to the county of Hennepin, for judicial purposes, until the county officers of said county shall have been elected and qualified as contemplated by this act.

Attached to Hennepin.

Sec. 5. The county seat of said county of Sibley shall be and is hereby established at Henderson, in said county; *Provided*, That the Board of County Commissioners first elected in said county, or a majority of them, may, within six months after they shall have qualified as herein provided, locate the county seat of said county permanently, and shall also have power to pre-empt, for said county, in accordance with the act of Congress, approved May 26, 1824, entitled "An Act entitled an Act granting to the counties or parishes of each State and Territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of lands for seats of justice within the same," one quarter section of land, on which the county buildings of said county shall be erected; *Provided*, that the said Commissioners shall not locate the county seat on land already occupied, unless with the consent of the person or persons claiming and occupying the same, and under such agreement as may be entered into by and between said commissioners or a majority of them, and the said claimant or claimants.

County seat how fixed.

Sec. 6. That there be held in each of the Counties of Winona and Houston, at the county seats thereof, one term of the District Court annually, at such time as may be designated by the District Judge authorised to hold courts therein.

Courts.

Amendment.

SEC. 7. That section 9 of an act to establish certain counties and for other purposes, approved February 23d, 1854, be amended so as to read as follows: "This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

N. C. D. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

S. B. OLMSTEAD,

President of the Council.

APPROVED—March second, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. A. GORMAN.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

St. Paul, March 30, 1854. }

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy of the original act on file in this office.

J. TRAVIS ROSSER,

Secretary of the Territory of Minnesota.

CHAPTER 33.

March 4, 1854.

An Act to Incorporate the Transit Rail Road Company.

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Corporators.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Minnesota: That Orrin Smith, Henry D. Huff, Abram M. Fridley, Lorenzo D. Smith, John L. Balcombe, Alex. Ramsey, W. A. Gorman, Henry H. Sibley, J. Travis Rosser, Andrew G. Chatfield, Henry McKenty, O. M. Lord, Samuel Humbertson, Martin McLeod, Benjamin Thompson, William H. Newton, James Hanna, G. Addison Brown, Robert Helm, and all such persons as shall hereafter become stockholders in the company hereby incorporated, shall be, and hereby are made a body politic and corporate by the name and style of "The Transit Railroad Company," and by and

Style of Corporation.