

issued until the said Northern Pacific Railroad shall have been built through the county of Benton, and through the said town of Sauk Rapids or some addition thereto, and across the Mississippi River upon a good and substantial railroad bridge, within three fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of one mile of the north of Sauk River, nor until the Northern Pacific Railroad company shall have constructed, within the limits of said town or some addition thereto, and at the junction of the said Railroad with the first division of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad, good and commodious passenger, and freight depot buildings, and engine house, and shall have given to the supervisors aforesaid satisfactory assurances that the said improvements shall be used and maintained so long as the said Northern Pacific Railroad should be operated; and for the purposes of such negotiations, the action of a majority of the board of said supervisors, shall be equal and binding.

SEC. 3. That this act shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage. When act to take effect.

Approved March 6, 1868.

CHAPTER XXIII.

An Act to empower the County Commissioners of the County of Stearns to secure the right of way to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company through the said County.

March 6, 1868.

- SECTION 1. Board of County Commissioners authorized to procure for said company free and unobstructed passage and right of way through said county.
2. A majority of said Board shall be deemed competent to act.
 3. Authorized to issue bonds for the purpose of carrying out provisions of this act.
 4. When act to take effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Stearns are hereby authorized and empowered

Right of way to
be procured—
by whom.

to make, and enter into a contract or agreement with the directors, or other officers of the Northern Pacific Railroad company, by virtue of which contract, the said county of Stearns shall be held and firmly bound unto the said company, to procure for the said company, the free and unobstructed passage, and right of way, perpetually, for constructing, holding, and operating a railroad through any part of the said county, and any money which the said company shall ever be compelled to pay for such right of way in any part of said county or for costs in conducting suits which may be brought against said company, or upon judgments which may be rendered against the said company, shall all be refunded and paid over to the said company, by the said county of Stearns, or the commissioners thereof, in case they shall agree so to do in the contract or agreement hereinbefore specified.

Majority of the
County Board
competent to act

SEC. 2. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, any number of the said board of commissioners constituting a majority of the whole board, shall be deemed competent to act, and they are hereby authorized to meet for such purpose, at their usual place of meeting, and at any time.

Authorized to
issue bonds—
what for.

SEC. 3. The said commissioners are hereby empowered and authorized, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, to issue the bonds of said county, bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent. per annum, for such amounts as they may deem necessary.

When act to take
effect.

SEC. 4. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1868.