

principal of said bonds, as the same shall be payable in accordance with the terms thereof.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to  
take effect.

Approved February 29 1872.

## CHAPTER LXV.

*An Act to authorize and empower the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Blue Earth to issue Bonds for certain purposes.*

February 29,  
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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota :*

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Blue Earth are hereby authorized and empowered to issue, at any time prior to the first day of July A. D. 1872, the bonds of said county, with coupons attached thereto, not exceeding in amount the sum of five thousand dollars (5,000) for the purpose of raising money to loan to the farmers of said county who suffered loss or damage to their crops by hail storm during the summer or fall of 1871, as hereinafter provided.

Authority to  
issue bonds.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be in sums of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) each, with interest not exceeding twelve (12)

Denomination  
of bonds and  
rate of interest

per cent. per annum payable annually, and the principal in five (5) years or less as the county commissioners may provide, which said bonds and coupons thereto attached shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and countersigned by the county auditor of said county.

Who to receive  
aid—amount.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman of the board of county commissioners of the county of Blue Earth, to call a meeting of said board on or before the 14th day of March, A. D. 1872, and such adjourned meeting as may be necessary up to the 17th day of March 1872, at which meeting all citizens of said county who suffered loss or damage to their crops by hail storm, at any time during the summer or fall of 1871, may present to said board a statement in writing of such loss or damage, the amount and value of the same, and the times and cause of such loss or damage, the amount of seed grain they will respectively need for the coming seed time, and their ability to procure the same without the aid herein contemplated, which statement shall be signed and sworn to by the applicant, and by one or more person or persons who have personal knowledge of the facts as therein stated, the said board shall thereupon forthwith examine into the merits of the said claim, duly considering the necessities of the applicant, and may allow or disallow the same in whole or in part, as they find the facts in the case may justify, and the chairman of said board shall endorse upon said claim the amount allowed and file the same with county auditor; *provided*, that in no case shall any one person be allowed a greater sum than fifty dollars, (\$50) nor shall any sum be allowed other than bona fide residents of said county.

Duties of offi-  
cers.

SEC. 4. On the 18th day of March 1872, the county auditor together with the county commissioners or the chairman thereof, shall consolidate all such claims as have been allowed, together with the name of the applicant and post office address, and the township where the applicant resides, and file the same with the county treasurer; and after the board of county commissioners have ascertained the amount needed for seed and relief for the sufferers, they may then issue the bonds for the amount needed as provided in section one and two of this act, and the county auditor and treasurer may negotiate the same for the purpose of getting money to aid the farmers to get their seed grain, on conditions provided for in section 3 of this act, and as hereinafter provided, and said bonds shall not be sold for less than par.

Proceeds of  
bonds.

SEC. 5. After the bonds are negotiated and the money obtained, it shall be placed into the hands of the county

treasurer, who shall forthwith notify the chairman of the board of county commissioners of the same.

SEC. 6. The several claimants in the duplicates filed in the office of the county treasurer, as aforesaid, shall be entitled to borrow from the county treasurer the amounts of their respective claims as allowed and endorsed, as provided in section 3 of this act; and upon such security, condition and terms as may be fixed by the board of county commissioners of said county.

Claimants entitled to borrow money on conditions.

SEC. 7. The said notes and securities shall remain in the hands of the county treasurer or his successor in office, and he may in his name as such county treasurer institute all necessary suits, legal proceedings and foreclosures as may be necessary to collect the said notes and securities.

Securities deposited with treasurer.

SEC. 8. The county treasurer shall keep a true and accurate record of the said notes and securities, and of all collection of principal and interest on account thereof, and shall keep the same as a separate fund to pay the bonds aforesaid and the interest thereon as the same becomes due; provided, this act shall be submitted to the people of said county at the spring election to be held on the second Tuesday of March next, for their approval or disapproval; those in favor of issuing said bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots, "In favor of issuing bonds, yes" "against issuing bonds, no," and votes shall be returned and canvassed the same as the votes for county officers are canvassed, and if a majority of said votes shall be against the issuing of said bonds, then this act shall be of no force or effect.

Duties of treasurer—act to be voted upon.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

When act to take effect.

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