

SEC. 6. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, March 8, 1878.

CHAPTER 102.

TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAC QUI PARLE TO ISSUE BONDS.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Lac qui parle, are hereby authorized to issue bonds of the county of Lac qui parle, in a sum not exceeding two thousand five hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars, for the purpose of purchasing seed grain and loaning the same to parties whose crops have been destroyed by grasshoppers and who are unable to procure seed grain; said bonds to be issued in such denominations as said board of county commissioners shall determine.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at the rate not exceeding twelve (12) per cent. per annum; and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in one (1) year from the date of issuing the same.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners, and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county; and the said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The said board of commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have authority to negotiate said bonds, as in their judgment, shall be the best for the interest of said county; and it shall be the duty of said board to see that said bonds are appropriated and issued for the purposes herein specified; *Provided*, That none of said bonds shall be negotiated for less than their par value.

SEC. 5. The board of county commissioners are hereby authorized to purchase, whenever they deem it desirable and necessary, from the proceeds of the negotiations of said bonds, the seed grain requisite to provide for the wants of said county, and to distribute and loan the same to actual settlers of said county in such quantities, on such terms, and in such manner as they shall determine, and also to provide for the collection of the same in such manner as shall seem to them to give to the county the greatest amount of security for the repayment of the cost of the grain furnished, with interest.

SEC. 6. In case of failure of the crops said board, and the proper authorities of said county, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, over and above and in addition to all

other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds as well as the principal of said bonds, at maturity, which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected.

SEC. 7. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to the electors of said county for their approval or rejection, at a special election to be held on the twentieth (20th) of March, *Anno Domini* one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight (1878), at the usual places for holding elections, of which election the same notice shall be given as required by law for special town meetings; and it shall be the duty of the county auditor upon receipt of a certified copy of this act as approved, to order the several town clerks to give notice of such election: *Provided*, That the notice of election shall contain a statement of the proposition to be voted upon.

SEC. 8. The ballots at said election shall have written or printed thereon the following words:

“For the issue of county bonds for purchasing seed grain,” or “against the issue of county bonds for purchasing seed grain.”

SEC. 9. Said election shall be conducted in the same manner as general elections for county officers, and if upon an official canvass of the votes cast at such election, to be conducted in the same manner as it is required by law that the votes cast for county officers shall be canvassed, it is found that a majority of the legal voters of said county, present and voting at such election, have voted in favor thereof, of which a certificate to that effect of the county auditor, filed in his office, shall be *prima facie* evidence, then, and in that case the issue of said bonds shall be lawful; and said bonds so issued shall be valid to all intents and purposes, but if a majority of the legal voters of said county, present and voting at such election, shall have voted against the issuance of said bonds, then the same shall not be issued.

SEC. 10. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1878.

CHAPTER 102.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF ST. PAUL TO AID IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF ROADS LEADING INTO THE CITY.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of St. Paul is hereby empowered by a three-fourths vote of all the members elect at any time during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-

eight (1878), to issue the bonds of said city or to appropriate money, either from the general fund, or the local improvement fund of said city, to an amount not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be expended by the board of public works under the direction of the common council, outside of the city limits upon such roads leading into the city of St. Paul as the common council may deem proper.

SEC. 2. If the common council shall determine to issue such bonds, they shall bear interest at the rate of seven (7) per cent. per annum, and shall be payable at such times as the common council may determine at the fiscal agency of the city of St. Paul in the city of New York.

SEC. 3. If the common council shall determine not to issue said bonds, but to appropriate said sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or less out of either of the funds before named, it then shall be the duty of the common council to include in the next general levy of taxes for city purposes, a sufficient number of mills on the dollar of the assessed value of all the real and personal property in the city of St. Paul to replace in the city treasury the sum advanced and appropriated aforesaid.

SEC. 4. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 6, 1878.

CHAPTER 103.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF AUSTIN TO ISSUE BONDS TO PURCHASE GROUNDS AND TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COURT HOUSE AND COUNTY BUILDINGS FOR THE COUNTY OF MOWER.

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

SECTION 1. The common council of the city of Austin are hereby authorized and fully empowered to issue the bonds of said city, under its corporate seal, to an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to purchase grounds and aid in the construction of a court house and county buildings, for Mower county; such bonds to be issued in sums not less than than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and to bear interest at the rate fixed by the common council, not to exceed twelve per cent. per annum, and the principal of said bonds payable at such time or times, not exceeding fifteen (15) years, as the common council of said city may fix.

SEC. 2. The bonds named in section one (1) shall be signed by the mayor of said city and countersigned by the recorder of said city, who shall keep a record of all such bonds issued under the