

## CHAPTER 124.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CROW WING COUNTY TO ISSUE COUNTY BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING AND BUILDING A BRIDGE AND APPROACHES ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT THE CITY OF BRAINERD.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Crow Wing, in this state, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), in such denominations as the said commissioners shall determine, for the purpose of erecting and building a bridge, and all necessary approaches thereto, across the Mississippi river at the city of Brainerd, in said Crow Wing county.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding eight (8) per cent per annum, payable annually, and the principal of said bonds shall be paid at such time or times, not more than twenty (20) years after the date of issuance of same, as said board of county commissioners may determine.

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

SEC. 4. The said board of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be for the best interests of said county; *Provided, however,* Said bonds shall not be negotiated for less than par.

SEC. 5. The board of county commissioners of said Crow Wing county and the proper authorities thereof shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to, levy an annual tax on the taxable property of said county, in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to pay the interest accruing on said bonds, and said bonds, as they shall mature, which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as taxes for county purposes are levied and collected.

SEC. 6. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Crow Wing county, at a special election to be held on the first (1st) Tuesday of April, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-five (1885), at the respective election precincts in said county, and of which at least ten (10) days' previous notice shall have been given in the same manner as notice of a general or special

election is required by law to be given, which notice shall state that the question of the issuing of such bonds will then be submitted. At said election those in favor of issuing bonds in pursuance of this act shall present and have upon their ballots the words, "for issue of bonds for Brainerd bridge," and those opposed to the issuing of such bonds shall present and have upon their ballots the words, "against issue of bonds for Brainerd bridge." Said votes shall be counted, returned and canvassed in the same manner as the votes for county officers, and if it shall appear, after the canvassing of the votes, that a majority of the electors so voting on said question voted in favor of the issue of said bonds, then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful and the board of county commissioners of said county shall issue said bonds as provided by this act; *Provided*, That any neglect of any officer of said county required by this act to give notice of said election to give such notice shall not invalidate such election or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon said proposition.

SEC. 7. That if said proposition to issue said bonds shall be defeated at said special election or if said proposition, for any reason, shall not be voted for at said special election or the votes therefor shall not be returned and canvassed as aforesaid, then and in any such case the said proposition to issue said bonds in accordance with sections one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), and five (5) of this act shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said Crow Wing county at a special election thereafter to be called by the county commissioners thereof or at the next general election after the passage of this act in the discretion of said commissioners. It is hereby made the duty of the officers in said county who are required by law to give notice of general and special elections to give notice in like manner that at said election the question of issuing said bonds will be submitted to the electors of said county and the ballots of the electors voting upon said proposition shall be in the form prescribed by section six (6) of this act, and the ballots shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as votes cast for county officers, and if, upon the canvass of said votes, a majority of the voters who have voted upon such proposition shall have voted in favor of issuing said bonds the board of county commissioners shall issue such bonds as provided by this act and said bonds shall be lawful and valid.

SEC. 8. Any neglect or failure of any officer of said county required by this act to give notice of the submitting of said proposition to the electors of said county at the said special election or at the next general election, as provided by section seven (7) of this act, to give such notice shall not invalidate such election or prohibit the canvass of the votes cast upon such proposition.

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

Approved March 4, 1885.