

ment, and *provided, further*, That the maturity of said interest coupons shall not be fixed at a later day than the date of the maturity of the principal of said bonds. And the principal of said bonds shall be payable in not exceeding ten (10) years from the date thereof, as shall be determined by said board of county commissioners.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the chairman of said board of county commissioners and the county auditor of said Blue Earth county, whenever directed by the said board of county commissioners, to execute the bonds and interest coupons as provided in section two (2) of this act, and make said bonds and interest coupons payable at the time or different times, the said bonds and interest coupons shall run, as may be ordered and determined by said board.

SEC. 4. The board of county commissioners of said Blue Earth county, are hereby directed to levy, from time to time, a sufficient tax to meet the payment of the interest coupons as they shall accrue, and in the year preceding that in which said bonds become due, said board shall levy sufficient tax to pay the principal of such bonds, such tax to be called the "Blue Earth River Bridge Tax."

SEC. 5. Whenever any tax shall be levied and collected under the provisions of this act, the money so collected shall not be used for any other purpose than that for which the same was collected, and any violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and any person convicted thereof, shall be fined not less than one hundred (100) dollars, and not more than one thousand (1,000) dollars or imprisonment in the county jail not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

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

Approved March 7, 1887.

CHAPTER 180:

[H. F. No. 563.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BLUE EARTH COUNTY TO ISSUE BONDS FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.

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 as hereinafter provided, at any time prior to the first day of January, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight (1888), the bonds of said county, with coupons attached thereto, not exceeding in amount the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), for the purpose of completing and furnishing in the said county of Blue Earth, at the county seat therein, a court house which is now in process of construction.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be in sums of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) each, with interest not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and the principal shall be payable in not less than five (5) nor more than ten (10) years, as the said commissioners may decide. Provided, that the said bonds may be payable at different times, and in different years within said limit.

Said bonds and coupons thereto attached shall be signed by the chairman of the said board of county commissioners and countersigned by the auditor of said county.

SEC. 3. The said board of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be best for the interest of said county; provided, that said bonds shall not be sold at less than par.

SEC. 4. The said board of county commissioners shall, 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 and the principal of said bonds as they shall mature; which taxes shall be levied and collected in the same manner as other taxes for county purposes are levied and collected, and no part of said taxes so collected shall be appropriated for any other purposes than the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon; Provided, That there shall be no tax levied for the payment of the principal of said bonds until after the expiration of three (3) years from the date of said bonds.

SEC. 5. The proposition of issuing said bonds shall, however, be first submitted to the vote of the electors of said county at a general or special election to be designated by the said board of county commissioners, and the said county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered hereafter to call an election for that purpose, at such time as they shall deem proper, notice of which election shall be given at least ten (10) days prior to the time of the holding thereof.

The calls of said election shall set forth that the question of issuing said bonds will be voted upon at such election, copies of which notice and call shall be posted in the usual places required by law for the holding of elections in the several towns and villages in said county, and in the several wards of the city of Mankato in said county.

The ballots used at such election for the purpose of voting on said proposition shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed thereon, the following words; "For issue of bonds for completion of court house", or "Against issue of bonds for completion of court house."

Said election shall be conducted in the same manner as elections for county officers, and the votes cast and canvassed in like manner, and if upon the canvass of said votes it shall be found that a majority of the voters who shall have voted on the said proposition have voted in favor thereof, viz; for the issue of bonds for the completion of court house, then the issue of said bonds shall be lawful.

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

Approved February 11th, 1887.