

in any village or borough corporation, such village or borough corporation shall, upon the establishment of such city corporation, cease; and such city corporation shall thereupon succeed to and become vested with the owners of all the property, real, personal and mixed, which belonged to or was owned by such village or borough corporation at the time when the same ceased to exist; and such city corporation shall also thereupon become and be liable and responsible for all the debts, obligations and liabilities then existing against such village or borough corporation, for any cause or consideration whatever, in the same manner and to the same extent as if such debts, obligations and liabilities had been originally contracted or incurred by such city corporation. By the words "establishment of such city corporation" is meant the incorporation of said city and the organization of the city government of the same; and the officers elected or appointed in any village or borough embraced in the territory included in such city shall continue to exercise the powers conferred upon like officers in this state until the officers for the said city shall be elected and qualified.

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

Approved March 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 53.

H. F. No. 290.

Road and
bridge fund.

An act giving the board of county commissioners in all counties of this state having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants or over the exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys appropriated by such boards out of the "general road and bridge fund" of such counties, and regulating the expenditure thereof by such boards.

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

In counties of
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SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of all counties in this state, having a population of two hundred thousand (200,000) inhabitants or over, shall have the exclusive control of the expenditures of all moneys appropriated by such boards out of the "general road and bridge fund" of such counties, for the purpose of constructing or repairing or aiding in the construction or repair of roads and bridges, or either, in any town of such counties.

SEC. 2. That all moneys so appropriated shall be expended by and under the direction and supervision of such boards of county commissioners, and not otherwise, and in the following manner: That in all cases before expending any such money for such purpose or purposes, such board of county commissioners shall require the county surveyor of such county, or his deputy, to furnish to such board a survey of the work for which it is proposed to expend such money, together with suitable plans and specifications thereof and the estimated cost thereof, and that upon the receipt of the same by such board it shall be the duty of such board, if it shall deem such expenditure advisable, to invite bids for such work, by posting notices for at least fifteen (15) days prior to the letting of the contract for the same, in at least three (3) of the most public places in the town wherein such work is to be done, and such notices shall contain a brief description of such work and shall state the time and place of awarding the contract for the same, and at the time and place mentioned in said notices, it shall be the duty of such board to let such contract to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall in all cases be required to enter into a written contract evidencing the same, and said board shall require a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of such contract; *provided, nevertheless*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent such board from rejecting all bids for such work, if in the judgment of such board all bids are excessive.

Fund to be expended under supervision of board.

SEC. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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

Approved March 11, 1899.

CHAPTER 54.

H. F. No. 135.

Rural schools.

An act to amend section three (3) of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine (259) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-seven (1897), entitled, "An act to encourage a better condition of rural schools and to appropriate money therefor."

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

SECTION 1. That section three (3) of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine (259) of the General Laws of the State

Sec. 3, C. 259, Laws 1897, amended.