

chapter 10 of the General Statutes of Minnesota of 1894.

SEC. 4. All fines collected under this act shall be placed to the credit of the general fund of such county in which the offense is committed.

SEC. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 11, 1901.

CHAPTER 240.

S. F. No. 398.

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 board out of the "Central road and bridge fund" of such counties, and regulating the expenditure thereof by such boards.

Counties with 200,000 population.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of all counties in this state now having, or which shall hereafter have, 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 township or village in such counties.

County commissioners have exclusive control of general road and bridge fund.

SEC. 2. That all moneys so appropriated shall be expended by and under the direction and supervision of such boards of county commissioners in the following manner:

That in all cases except as hereinafter provided, 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

Manner of expenditure of such fund.

public places in the township wherein such work is to be done, and in case any portion of such work is within the limits of any incorporated village, by also posting notices in three (3) of the most public places in such village, 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 such 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 and readvertise for new bids if in the judgment of such board all bids are excessive; and *provided, further*, that such board may, without advertising for bids and letting contracts as above required, expend under the supervision of the county surveyor or his deputy a sum not exceeding one hundred (100) dollars during any one year at any one point for repair to any road or bridge when in their judgment such repairs are necessary to maintain or protect such road or bridge or the travel thereon, and may employ a repair crew for such purpose for a period not exceeding four months during any one year, and may purchase and maintain the necessary road machinery and tools for the purpose of making such repairs, but the total amount expended for all such purpose in making such repairs shall not, in any one year, exceed the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars; and *provided, further*, that in case of any emergency rendering travel upon any highway unsafe, or threatening the immediate injury or destruction thereof, and requiring immediate repair, an amount not exceeding five hundred (500) dollars may be expended in the repair thereof without advertising for bids and letting a contract therefor, and the sum or sums so expended shall not exceed one thousand dollars during any one year, and shall not be included in the limit of two thousand (2,000) dollars hereinbefore mentioned.

Contracts to lowest responsible bidder.

Work and repairs without contract.

Emergency work.

SEC. 3. Chapter fifty-three (53) of the General Laws of the State of Minnesota for one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine (1899) is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 11, 1901.