

CHAPTER 291—S. F. No. 236.

An Act entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 164, General Laws of the State of Minnesota for the year 1905, relating to the expenditure of the general road and bridge fund in counties, now, or hereafter having 150,000 inhabitants or over, and authorizing said counties to do their own road work."

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

Section 1. County board may direct surveyor to do work, where bids are unreasonable.—Section 2 of Chapter 164, General Laws of 1905, is hereby amended, so as to read as follows:

"Section 2. That all moneys so appropriated shall be expended by and under the general direction and supervision of such board of county commissioners in the following manner: That in all cases except as hereinafter provided, before expending any 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 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 days prior to the letting of the contract for the same in at least three of the most 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 of the most public places in such village, and in all cases, there shall be three publications of said notices in the official newspaper, 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 bonds for such work and readvertising for new bids if in the judgment of such board all bids are excessive, and provided that if such board shall deem it impossible to get such work done at a fair cost by letting such work to a contractor, said board may direct the county surveyor to employ men, purchase materials and equipments and to proceed to do such work in accordance with the plans, specifications and estimates hereinbefore referred to, and said county surveyor shall thereupon do such work under the supervision of such county boards and provided further that such board may,

without readvertising for bids and letting contracts as above required, expend, under the supervision of the county surveyor, of his deputy, for repairs and maintenance of roads and bridges, or for the protection of travel thereon, such sum or sums, as such board may appropriate, and may employ a repair crew for such purpose, and may purchase and retain the necessary road machinery and tools *and materials* for the purpose of making such repairs, but such expenditures shall not in any one year, exceed one-half of the amount so appropriated for roads and bridges for said year in said county."

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

Approved April 15, 1913.

CHAPTER 292—S. F. No. 659.

An Act authorizing certain cities of the first class to issue bonds for defraying the cost of making certain local improvements in advance of the collection of special assessments therefor.

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

Section 1. \$150,000 street improvement bonds authorized.

—Any city of the first class not operating under a home rule charter is hereby authorized to issue and sell its bonds to an amount not exceeding \$150,000, the proceeds whereof shall be placed in the treasury of said city and kept distinct from all other funds, except funds used for the same purposes, and shall be used only for the purpose of paying, to the amount of the special assessments levied and assessed therefor and in advance of the collection of such assessments, the cost of the following public improvements in said city:

1. Paving, re-paving or macadamizing any street, lane or alley therein.
2. Any gutter or gutters along any such street, lane or alley.
3. Laying or placing any curbstones along any such street, lane or alley.
4. Laying, relaying or extending any sewer in said city.

Sec. 2. **Assessments for paying bonds.**—All assessments, the amounts whereof are advanced from said special fund and all penalties accruing thereon shall be paid, when collected, into the treasury of the city to the credit of that fund and shall be used only for the purposes for which said fund was created. All interest collected on such assessments shall be credited to and become a part of the sinking fund of said city if there be one.