

CHAPTER CLXXVI.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA, TO ISSUE COUNTY BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A COURT HOUSE AT LITCHFIELD, THE COUNTY SEAT OF SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the county commissioners of the county of Meeker are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county for the purpose of erecting a court house at the village of Litchfield, the county seat of said county, in a sum not less than four thousand dollars nor more than seven thousand dollars, in such denominations as the commissioners of said county may determine.

SEC. 2. Said bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding twelve per cent. per annum payable annually, and the principal shall be paid as follows: In five equal annual installments, one-fifth of the amount of said bonds so issued being payable each year from and after the date of said bonds.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners, and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county, and shall have interest coupons attached thereto, which said coupons shall be signed by the chairman of said board and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and the said auditor shall keep a record of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, 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 best for the interest of said county. *Provided*, That said board of county commissioners shall not negotiate said bonds for less than ninety-seven (97) cents on the dollar. It shall be the duty of said board to see that said bonds are appropriated and used for the purpose of building a court house at the county seat of said county, and for no other purpose whatsoever.

SEC. 5. Said board of commissioners and the proper authorities of said county 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 upon said bonds, and the bonds themselves

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.

SEC. 6. The proposition to issue said bonds shall be submitted to a vote of the electors of said county at the next general election next after the passage of this act. At the time of giving the notice of said general election it shall be the duty of the officers in said county required by law to give notice of such election, to give notice in like manner that at said election the question will be submitted to the electors of said county as to whether this law shall take effect and said bonds be issued in accordance therewith. At said election the electors of said county voting in favor of the adoption of this law and the issuing of said bonds shall have written or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots the words, " For issuing bonds for court house," and the electors of said county voting against the adoption of this law and the issuing of said bonds shall have written or printed or printed or partly written and partly printed on their ballots the words, " Against issuing bonds for court house." Said votes shall be canvassed and returned by the judges of election of the several towns in said county and shall be canvassed by the county canvassing board at the same time and in the same manner as returns of votes for county officers, and the result of such election shall be certified to said board of county commissioners. If a majority of said votes shall be in favor of the adoption of this law and the issuing of said bonds, said commissioners shall issue said bonds as provided by this act, and the same shall be valid to all intents and purposes. But if a majority of said votes shall be against the adoption of this law and the issuing of said bonds, then said bonds shall not be issued.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 10, 1873.

CHAPTER CLXXVII.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF PINE TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE ERECTION OF COUNTY BUILDINGS.