

exceeding ten per cent. interest to be payable at the city of Mankato, in this state, either annually or semi-annually, as shall be determined by said board of county commissioners.

And the principal of said bonds shall be payable in not exceeding ten 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 the said board of county commissioners and the county auditor of Blue Earth county, whenever directed by the said board to execute the bonds as provided in section two of this act, and make the rate of interest and the time when said interest shall be payable, and the time for which said bonds shall run, as may be ordered and determined by said board.

SEC. 4. The board of county commissioners of Blue Earth county are hereby directed to levy, from time to time, a sufficient tax to meet the interest accruing upon such bonds; and in the year preceding that in which such bonds shall 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 nor more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 6. This act shall be a public act, and shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1879.

CHAPTER CLXXIX.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY OF MOWER TO ISSUE BONDS FOR BUILDING A COURT HOUSE.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Mower, are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county to an amount not exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a court house with suitable offices and fire proof vaults for preserving the county records, provided that the issuance of such bonds be first approved by a majority

of the legal voters of said county in the manner hereafter provided.

SEC. 2. Such bonds shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding seven per centum per annum, payable semi-annually.

The principal shall become due and payable at such time or times not less than twenty years nor more than thirty years after the date of said bonds, as said board of county commissioners shall determine.

SEC. 3. Said bonds and the interest coupons attached shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners, and be attested by the auditor of said county, and be sealed with his seal, and be made payable at such place as the board of county commissioners shall determine. The auditor of said county shall keep a record of all bonds issued, which record shall show the date, number and amount of each bond, the rate of interest, the time when due, the place where payable, and the name of the party to whom issued.

SEC. 4. The proper authorities of said county shall annually levy in addition to all other taxes, an amount sufficient to pay the interest on the bonds so issued, and when any principal is about to become due, a sufficient amount to pay such principal when due.

SEC. 5. The board of county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate said bonds as in their judgment shall be for the best interest of said county, but not for less than their par value.

SEC. 6. The question of issuing the said bonds for the purpose aforesaid, is hereby submitted to a vote of the legal voters of said county at a special election, which shall be held at the usual polling places in said county, on the thirteenth day of May, A. D. 1879. Notice of the holding of such election shall be given for the same length of time and in the same manner as is required by the general laws of the state in reference to notices for the election of county officers. Such election shall be conducted in the same manner and by the same officers as elections for county officers under the general laws of this state.

At such election those voting in favor of the issuance of such bonds shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, upon their ballots the words, "in favor of issuing bonds for building a court house." Those voting at such election against the issuance of such bonds shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed upon their ballots the words "against issuing bonds for building a court house."

The votes cast at such election shall be counted, returned and canvassed in the same manner and by the same officers as votes cast at election of county officers under the general laws of this state. In case a majority of the legal voters present and voting at such election, shall vote in favor of the issuance of such bonds, then and in that case the board of county commissioners shall be authorized and required to proceed with all due diligence to cause such court house to be built, and the said bonds to be issued and negotiated in the manner, hereinbefore prescribed for the purpose of raising the means to erect such building.

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

Approved March 6th, 1879.