

spectively may order and direct, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed seven (7) per cent. per annum payable semi-annually at the office of the city treasurer of said city and at the office of the county treasurer of said county respectively.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved Feb. 23, 1887.

CHAPTER 171.

[H. F. No. 717.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ANOKA COUNTY TO ISSUE THE BONDS OF SAID COUNTY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE BRIDGE ACROSS THE RUM RIVER AT MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF ANOKA IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of Anoka county are hereby authorized and empowered to issue, at any time within three (3) years after the date of approval of this act, the bonds of said county, with coupons, to an amount not exceeding twenty thousand (20,000) dollars, for the purpose of constructing a free wagon bridge, either of stone, or of iron superstructure with stone abutments, across the Rum River at Main street in the city of Anoka in said county.

SEC. 2. Said board of county commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to contract for the building of such bridge and have full control over the construction thereof.

The contract or contracts for building the same shall be in writing and filed in the office of the auditor of said county, and all claims arising from any of said contracts, or for services rendered in and about the construction of said bridge, or in incidental expenses, shall be first allowed and certified by a majority of said board, after which the auditor shall examine such claims and accounts, and if found correct and in accordance with the contracts on file in his office, shall issue a warrant upon the county treasurer authorizing the payment of the claims so allowed, and the amount paid shall be charged to the "Rum River Bridge Fund."

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be in sums of not less than one hundred (100) dollars, nor more than one thousand (1,000) dollars, with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest not to exceed seven (7) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, at such time and place,

not less than ten (10) years, nor more than thirty (30) years from their date, as said board of county commissioners shall by resolution provide. Said bonds and coupons thereto shall be signed by the chairman of said board, and countersigned by the county auditor and sealed with his official seal. Said auditor shall keep a record in his office of all bonds issued under the provisions of this act, showing the number, date and amount of each thereof, and the name of the person or persons to whom the same are issued; and the county commissioners shall have authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such way as shall, in their judgment, best subserve the interests of said county, but they shall not negotiate or sell any of them at less than their par value.

SEC. 4. The board of county commissioners of said county and the proper county authorities shall annually levy a tax on the taxable property of said county in addition to all other taxes required by law to be levied, sufficient to provide for the payment of the interest accruing upon said bonds and the principal of said bonds as they shall mature, which tax shall be levied and collected in like manner with other taxes of said county; but such taxes so to be levied and collected, shall be set apart for the purposes aforesaid; namely, the prompt payment of the semi-annual interest on said bonds as the same may fall due, and of the principal thereof at their maturity, and shall constitute a fund to be designated the "Rum River Bridge Fund," for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, and shall not be applied to any other purpose whatever until said bonds and interest are fully paid.

Provided, That the payment of the principal of said bonds may be apportioned upon such years as the said board of commissioners may deem expedient, or they may annually, after five (5) years from the date of said bonds levy upon such taxable property and cause to be set apart as a sinking fund, such sums as with the accrued interest thereon shall amount to an equal proportion of the whole amount of bonds issued which shall be applied to the punctual payment of said bonds at maturity.

SEC. 5. Said bonds shall not be issued as provided in section one (1) of this act unless authorized by a majority of the legal voters of said county as hereinafter provided; and for the purpose of taking the votes of said voters the board of county commissioners of said county are hereby authorized and required to appoint and order a special election for such purpose, within two (2) years after the approval of this act, and shall give public notice of such special election in the Anoka Herald and the Anoka County Union at least twenty (20) days prior to such election, and shall also cause notices thereof to be posted in one (1) public place in each of the towns of said county at least ten (10) days previous to such election, which notices shall set forth substantially the amount of bonds proposed to be issued, and the time of voting upon the question; and those voting upon such question in favor thereof shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on the ballots used at such election, the words "For Bridge Bonds," and those voting against the issue of such

bonds shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, on the ballots used, the words "Against Bridge Bonds."

The voting shall be done at the usual places of holding elections in said county, and shall be conducted by the same officers and in like manner as other elections, and the said election in the city of Anoka shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections are usually conducted therein, except as to notices of said election, and it shall be the duty of the town clerks of the several towns, and of the proper officers of the city of Anoka, to make a return to the county auditor of said county of the vote cast in their respective towns and in said city on said proposition, within six (6) days after said election; and the votes shall be canvassed by the said county auditor and two (2) justices of the peace of said county, within ten (10) days after said election, and the result thereof shall be published in the official paper of the county, in its first issue after such canvass, and if a majority of said votes so reported shall be in favor of the issue of said bonds they shall then be issued, but not otherwise. And when said bonds have been duly issued they shall constitute a valid and legal charge against said county.

SEC. 6. If there shall be a majority vote in favor of issuing said bonds the board of county commissioners shall, as soon as may be and within three (3) months from the date of said election, proceed to contract for the building of said bridge, and shall require a bond from the person or persons with whom they make any contract in relation to building said bridge, or any part thereof, with sufficient surety, for its prompt and faithful construction.

SEC. 7. No commissioner of said county shall have any private interest in any contract relating to the construction of said bridges, nor shall any compensation be paid to any commissioner of said county for any personal services rendered in relation thereto, greater than three (3) dollars per day for each and every day devoted to the construction of said bridge.

SEC. 8. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 21, 1887.