

SEC. 2. The said board of county commissioners is hereby authorized and empowered to allow and fix the compensation which shall be paid to the county auditor of said county for clerk hire in his office, not to exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) per annum, in addition to all sums now permitted by law for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The amount of said compensation for clerk hire may be fixed for each year by said board of county commissioners, at any meeting of said board, and may be so fixed as commencing from the first (1st) day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one (1891), and the amount so fixed by said board shall be paid to said officer, upon the warrant of said county auditor drawn upon the county treasurer of said county, in twelve (12) equal installments, on the first (1st) day of each month.

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

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CHAPTER 475.

[S. F. No. 840.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN OF INVERGROVE, DAKOTA COUNTY; THE TOWN SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWN OF NEWPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, AND THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWPORT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FREE WAGON BRIDGE FOR PUBLIC USE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A RAILROAD BRIDGE, ACROSS THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER AT OR NEAR SOUTH ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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

SECTION 1. The board of supervisors of the town of Invergrove, Dakota county, are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of their town, with coupons attached, to the amount of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000), or so much thereof as may be by them deemed necessary, for the purpose of constructing a free wagon bridge for public use, in connection with a railroad bridge, across the Mississippi river, from a suitable point on its west bank at or near the city of South St. Paul, in the State of Minnesota, and within the limits of section thirty-five (35), township twenty-eight (28), range twenty-two (22) west, to a corresponding point on its east bank.

SEC. 2. The board of supervisors of the town of Newport, Washington county, Minnesota, are hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of their town, with coupons attached, to the amount of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000), or so much thereof as may be by them deemed necessary, for the purpose of constructing a free wagon bridge for public use, in conjunction with a railroad bridge, across the Mississippi river, from a suitable point on its west bank, at or near the city of South St. Paul, in the State of Minnesota, and within the limits of section thirty-five (35), township twenty-eight (28), range twenty-two (22) west, to a corresponding point on its east bank.

SEC. 3. The village council of the village of Newport, Washington county, Minnesota, by a majority vote thereof, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue the bonds of said village, with coupons attached, to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or so much as may be by said village council deemed necessary, for the purpose of constructing a free wagon bridge for public use, in conjunction with a railroad bridge, across the Mississippi river, from a suitable point on its west bank, at or near the city of South St. Paul, in the State of Minnesota, and within the limits of section thirty-five (35), township twenty-eight (28), range twenty-two (22) west, to a corresponding point on its east bank.

SEC. 4. Said bonds shall be for the principal sum of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) and not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) each, and shall be made payable at such time or times, within thirty (30) years from the date thereof, as the town or village officials issuing the same shall respectively determine, and shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, and shall be made payable to bearer or to such person or persons as said officials may direct, and at such place as said boards of supervisors and said village council may respectively direct.

SEC. 5. The town clerks of said respective towns and the village recorder of said village of Newport shall keep a record of all bonds so issued by his respective town or village, showing the number, dates and amounts of all the bonds issued by his respective town or village under the provisions of this act.

And the board of supervisors of the town of Invergrove, the board of supervisors of the town of Newport, and the village council of the village of Newport, shall each have the authority to negotiate the sale of the aforesaid bonds issued by it, respectively, each having authority over, and only over, the bonds by it issued; but that neither the said bonds nor the proceeds from the sale thereof [shall] be used for any other purpose than the erection and construction of the aforesaid bridge.

SEC. 6. That said board of supervisors of the town of Invergrove, the board of supervisors of the town of Newport, and the village council of the village of Newport, are each hereby authorized and empowered to make provision, by the levying of taxes, for the payment as the same shall become due of the principal and interest of the bonds issued by each respectively, under and by virtue of the power granted by this act.

Provided, however, that no part of the taxes for the payment of principal or interest on the bonds issued by the supervisors of the town of Newport hereunder shall be levied upon any property taxable within the village of Newport.

SEC. 7. The issuance of said bonds by said town and village authorities respectively shall be entirely separate and distinct and shall have no relation or connection whatsoever, the one with the other, save only that they shall be issued for the common purpose set forth in sections one (1) and two (2) of this act; and the failure of said village council of said village of Newport or of either of said boards of supervisors to respectively issue its bonds shall in no way curtail the authority of the others or either of the others to issue the same, or to invalidate such bonds when issued.

SEC. 8. Before it shall become lawful for said board of supervisors of the town of Invergrove or said board of supervisors of the town of Newport respectively to issue said bonds by this act authorized, the proposition to issue the same shall be respectively submitted to the qualified voters of said respective towns for their approval or rejection, at the annual town meetings of said respective towns in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two (1892); or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose by the boards of supervisors of said respective towns, and to be held at such time as said board of supervisors shall designate. Notice of such special meeting shall be given by the board of supervisors of each of said towns, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of holding said special meeting in its said town, when such proposition shall be voted on, by conspicuously posting in three (3) of the most public places in said respective towns a copy of said notice signed by a majority of said board of supervisors, and by causing the same to be published in the official newspaper of the county in which said respective towns are situated, if there be one, in at least two (2) consecutive issues of said newspaper immediately prior to the date of the vote upon said proposition. The ballots used in voting upon said proposition shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, thereon the words "For issue of bridge bonds—Yes;" "For issue of bridge bonds—No."

Said ballots shall be cast in each of said towns in the usual manner of casting ballots in said towns, and shall be canvassed by the same officers and in the same manner as ballots cast at the town elections in said respective towns; and if it be found upon such canvass that a majority of the voters present and voting upon such proposition, wherever the same shall be submitted, have voted in favor of issuing such bonds, then the issue of such bonds, or such portion thereof as the board of supervisors of the town issuing the same shall deem necessary, shall be lawful, and such bonds shall be issued, and with the coupons thereto attached shall be signed by the chairmen of said respective boards of supervisors of said respective towns, and shall be respectively signed by the town clerks of said respective towns. *Provided, however,* that at such election in said town of Newport no person who is entitled to vote in the village of Newport shall be allowed to vote upon the question of issuing such bonds.

SEC. 9. Said respective boards of supervisors shall have authority to negotiate the sale of the bonds issued by them respectively in such manner as shall best subserve the interests of their respective towns.

SEC. 10. That before it shall be lawful for the village council of the village of Newport to issue said bonds by this act authorized, the proposition to issue the same shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said village for their approval or rejection at the next annual village meeting for the election of village officers, or at a special meeting to be called for that purpose by the village council of said village and to be held at such time as said village council shall determine and designate. Notice of such special meeting shall be given by said village council, at least ten (10) days prior to holding said special meeting, when such proposition is to be voted on, by conspicuously posting in three (3) of the most public places of said village copies of said notice signed by a majority of said village council.

The ballots used in voting on said proposition shall have written or printed, or partly written and partly printed, thereon the words "For

issue of bridge bonds—Yes;" "For issue of bridge bonds—No." Said ballots shall be cast and canvassed in the same manner as ballots cast at the usual annual village election of said village; and if it be found upon a canvass of the ballots cast that a majority of the voters present and voting upon such proposition, whenever the same shall be submitted, have voted in favor of issuing said bonds, then the issue of such bonds, or such portion thereof as the village council of said village shall deem necessary, shall be lawful, and such bonds shall be issued and with the coupons attached shall be signed by the president and recorder of said village. And said village council shall have the authority to negotiate the sale of said bonds in such manner as shall best subserve the interest of said village.

SEC. 11. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved April 21, 1891.

CHAPTER 476.

[H. F. No. 290.]

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WATONWAN TO ISSUE BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BUILDING A COURT HOUSE IN SAID COUNTY.

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

SECTION 1. That the board of county commissioners of the county of Watonwan are hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said county for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a court house at the village of St. James, the county seat of said county, in a sum not exceeding thirty thousand (30,000) dollars, in such denominations as such board of county commissioners may determine.

SEC. 2. The rate of interest on said bonds shall not exceed five (5) per cent per annum, to be payable annually, and the principal of said bonds shall be payable in such manner and at such time or times as the board of county commissioners may elect; *Provided, however*, that no part of the principal shall be made payable less than five (5) years from the date of their issue.

SEC. 3. Said bonds shall be signed by the chairman of said board of county commissioners and countersigned and sealed by the auditor of said county, and shall have interest coupons attached thereto, which coupons shall be signed by said chairman and countersigned by the auditor of said county, and the said auditor shall keep a record of all the bonds issued under the provision of this act, giving numbers, dates and amounts, to whom issued and when payable.

SEC. 4. The said board of county commissioners shall negotiate such bonds in such manner as in their judgment shall be for the best interest of the county; *Provided*, that the net amount paid into the treasury from the sale thereof shall not be less than the par value of said bonds, together with any interest that may have accrued thereon before such sale and payment.