

## CHAPTER 158.

[Published March 31, 1862.]

AN ACT to legalize the official acts of Elisha B. Dean, as a notary public, residing in the county of Kewaunee.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :*

Legalized.

SECTION 1. That all the official acts and duties performed by Elisha B. Dean, a notary public, residing in the county of Kewaunee, in this state, prior to the passage of this act, so far as the same are consistent with the general laws of this state, are hereby legalized, and declared to be as valid, for all purposes, as though the said Elisha B. Dean had caused his official bond and oath to be made and filed in conformity with the statutes of this state.

Authority to  
secretary of  
state.

SECTION 2. The secretary of state is hereby authorized and empowered to certify as to the appointment and qualification of the said Elisha B. Dean, as notary public, residing in the county of Kewaunee, Wisconsin, dated April 10, 1856, in the same manner as though the said Elisha B. Dean had caused his official bond and oath to be made and filed in conformity with the statutes of this state.

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

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## CHAPTER 159.

[Published April 1, 1862.]

AN ACT to authorize the county of Jackson, in this state, to issue bonds to aid in the construction of a railroad to Black River Falls, in said county.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows :*

Authority to  
issue bonds to  
amount of  
\$50,000

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for the county of Jackson, in this state, and the said county is hereby

authorized, to issue the bonds of said county, in a sum not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, payable not exceeding ten years from the date of such bonds issued under this act, together with interest coupons attached thereto, with interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, and payable as the board of supervisors of the said county may direct, and in such amount and in such sums as said board of supervisors may also direct.

SECTION 2. No bond shall be issued in pursuance of this act, until a majority of the legally qualified voters of said county, voting upon said question, shall have voted in favor of the same, at an election called by order of the board of supervisors of the said county of Jackson, as hereinafter provided.

Question to be submitted to a vote.

SECTION 3. Notices of said election shall be signed by the clerk of the board of supervisors of said county, and shall be posted up in at least three conspicuous places in each of the towns in the county of Jackson, and published in a newspaper, if there be any in said county, at least ten days previous [previously] to said election. Such notices shall clearly set forth the object of said election. There shall also be chosen at said election, three commissioners from the electors of the said county of Jackson, (the notice of whose election shall be specified in the notices aforesaid,) who, upon election and qualification, shall have such power and authority as is hereinafter conferred upon them.

Notice of election.

Three commissioners to be elected.

SECTION 4. Said election shall be held at the usual places of holding elections in each of the said towns of the said county of Jackson; and the voters voting at said election shall deposit a ballot containing the words "for bonds," or "against bonds," and also a ballot for three persons for commissioners, as aforesaid. Said election shall be conducted, and the result thereof canvassed and returned, in all respects as county elections are by law canvassed and returned, and the result canvassed and recorded in a book of records, to be prepared for that purpose by the said clerk of the board of supervisors of Jackson county, which record, when attested by said clerk of the board of supervisors, shall be received as legal evidence of the result of such election: *provided*, that the three persons having the highest number of votes for said commissioners, shall be declared duly elected as such commissioners, and be

Form of ballots, how canvassed, &c.

entitled, from the clerk of the board of supervisors, to a certificate of their election as such.

How bonds to be used.

SECTION 5. The bonds issued under the provisions of this act, shall be signed by the chairman of the board of supervisors of Jackson county, and attested by the clerk of said board, and said bonds shall be used exclusively to aid in the construction of the Lemonwier and Black River Falls railroad, or some railroad from the village of Black River Falls, in Jackson county, to some point connected with the La Crosse and Milwaukee railroad, and for no other purpose whatever: *provided, always*, that the interest coupons attached to said bonds shall be received in payment of county taxes due the said county of Jackson.

Commissioners to take oath and execute bonds.

SECTION 6. The commissioners hereinbefore named shall, before they enter upon their duties required by this act, take and subscribe an oath that they will well and faithfully discharge the duties of their said office according to the provisions of this act, and file the same with the clerk of the board of supervisors. They shall also execute a bond to the county treasurer of the county of Jackson, in such penal sum and with such sureties as the county board of said county may direct, conditioned that they will faithfully discharge their duties as required by this act, and that they will truly account for all bonds, moneys and property which shall come into their hands under this act, which said bonds shall be filed with the treasurer of said county.

Commissioners authorized to purchase stock.

SECTION 7. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to negotiate with the Lemonwier and Black River Falls railroad company, or with any company having the authority to build a railroad intersecting with the La Crosse and Milwaukee railroad to the village of Black River Falls, in Jackson county, to purchase of said railroad company an amount of their stock, not exceeding two thousand dollars per mile for each mile graded and tied ready for the rail, and pay for the same in the said bonds of the said county, at their par value. The said commissioners are prohibited from purchasing the stock of said railroad company, or negotiating said bonds for said purchase, before said road is graded and the ties placed thereon; but as soon as two miles of said road are graded and the ties placed thereon, the said commissioners, or a majority of them, are authorized to

purchase not exceeding four thousand dollars of the stock of said railroad company, and pay for the same in the said county bonds, at their par value; and the chairman of the board of supervisors and the clerk of said board are hereby authorized and required to issue and deliver to said commissioners a sufficient amount of the bonds of said county, with which to negotiate with and purchase said railroad stock as aforesaid; and as often as two miles of said road are graded and tied as aforesaid, the said commissioners are authorized to purchase and pay as aforesaid, and so on until said road is all graded and tied, or the bonds authorized to be issued by this act shall have all been expended.

SECTION 8. The said commissioners shall make a full report of their proceedings under this act, at the annual meeting of the board of supervisors of said county of Jackson, in the year 1862, and at each annual meeting thereafter, as long as said commissioners continue in office under the provisions of this act; and in case a vacancy occurs in the office of said commissioners, it shall be the duty of the board of supervisors to supply such vacancy by appointment.

Report to be made.

SECTION 9. It shall be the duty of the said board of supervisors of the county of Jackson, to cause to be levied and collected, annually, from the taxable property of the said county of Jackson, a sum sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds, as it becomes due on said bonds, as mentioned in the first section of this act; and if the said board of supervisors shall fail or neglect to levy and collect said tax for one year, it shall be the duty of the circuit judge sitting in the county of Jackson, on application of any holders of said bonds, to direct the sheriff of said county to take the assessment rolls of the various towns of the said county of Jackson, and to calculate therefrom the amount necessary to be charged against each person having property assessed in his or her name, *pro rata*, a sufficient per cent., so that when the whole amount is collected, it shall be sufficient to pay the whole amount accruing from the neglect or refusal of the said board of supervisors of said county to levy and collect as aforesaid, together with the costs; and on the refusal or neglect of any person to pay when demanded by said sheriff, it shall be the duty of said sheriff to take the property of such person and sell the same at public auction,

Annual tax to pay interest.

giving the same notice, and the parties having the same right of redemption, as on executions at law.

• Compensation of  
commissioners.

SECTION 10. The commissioners mentioned in this act shall receive such compensation for their services as the board of supervisors of the said county of Jackson may allow.

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

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## CHAPTER 160.

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AN ACT to amend section one of chapter 162 of the general laws of 1860, entitled "an act to lay out a state road from Stevens Point to Eau Claire."

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

• Commissioners.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter 162 of the general laws of 1860, is hereby amended [so as] to read as follows: "Section 1. Burt Britt, John Weeks and J. S. Sherman, of the counties of Portage, Marathon and Eau Claire, and hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a state road from the city of Stevens Point, Portage county, by the way of John Weeks' mill, to the east bank of Black river, in section three, town 26 north, range two west."

SECTION 2. This act shall be in force from and after its passage and publication.

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