

CHAPTER 318.

[Published April 6, 1876.]

AN ACT relating to the circuit court of the county of Winnebago.

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

When court opened for transaction of business,

SECTION 1. The circuit court of the county of Winnebago shall be deemed to be open for the transaction of business from the commencement of one regular term to the commencement of another, and an adjournment of the term from day to day shall not be necessary to the validity of any proceeding therein.

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

Approved March 13, 1876.

CHAPTER 319.

[Published April 7, 1876.]

AN ACT to lay out and establish a state road from Viroqua to Elroy.

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

Appointment of commission to lay out state road.

SECTION 1. Van. S. Bennett, Robert S. McMichael, and D. N. Tripp, of Vernon county, and E. Hart and F. M. Washburn, of Juneau county, are hereby appointed commissioners with full power and authority to survey, lay out and establish a state road from the village of Viroqua, in Vernon county, to the village of Elroy, in Juneau county, upon and along the most feasible route between the said villages.

County boards to fill vacancies.

SECTION 2. In case of the inability or refusal of the aforesaid commissioners, or any of them, to act, the board of supervisors of the respective counties aforesaid, shall appoint some suitable person or persons, as the case may be, to fill such vacancy, with as full power and authority to act as if named herein. Said commissioners shall have power to award damages, and settle for the same, with parties who shall or may sustain any damages, or feel aggrieved by reason of the laying out and opening of the said road, and the

Power of commissioners.

same provisions for appeal in such cases as apply to the award and adjustment of damages by town boards of supervisors, shall apply herein, except that all claims for damages may be made within one year from the time such commissioners shall have filed their report upon the laying out of said road, in the clerk's office in the counties through which said road may run.

SECTION 3. Upon the completion of the location, survey, and laying out of the said road, the commissioners shall make and file, in the office of the county clerk of each of the said counties, a report of the same, together with a plat of said road, and thereupon the said road shall become and be a public highway; and the said commissioners shall have the power to open out, remove obstructions from, grade, and construct said highway, in a suitable manner for travel; and for such purpose may adopt any highway now in use, build bridges and construct drains, corduroys, turnpikes, and culverts, and may do the same by contract, or otherwise, in the same manner and to the same extent, that supervisors of towns have to open highways in their respective towns.

Commissioners to file report and plat, and same to have power to open road.

SECTION 4. As compensation for their services in laying out and opening said highway, the said commissioners shall be entitled to, and be paid the sum of two dollars and fifty cents per day, for each day actually employed in laying out and opening the said highway; said commissioners shall have power to employ such assistants as may be necessary, and at such reasonable compensation as shall be adequate to the services rendered, and the said commissioners, in their report, shall apportion the whole cost and expense of said road, fairly between the respective counties, which shall be audited and allowed by the respective boards of supervisors of said counties, and paid out of the treasury thereof.

Compensation of commissioners.

SECTION 5. Before the said commissioners shall enter upon their duties, under this act, each of the boards of supervisors of said counties shall, at their discretion, enter an order approving of this act, and fix the amount to be expended upon said road in each year; and until such order is so entered by each of the boards of supervisors of said counties this act shall be inoperative.

Act to be approved by boards of supervisors.

SECTION 6. The said commissioners may, in locating and laying out such road, intersect any and all highways now laid out or opened on said route, and

Commissioners may intersect and adopt other roads.

adopt the same as a part of said state road, or lay out said state road only from such point; or points of intersection, as said commissioners shall deem best.

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

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CHAPTER 320.

[Published March 20, 1876.]

AN ACT to incorporate the city of River Falls.

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

[CHAPTER I.]

General corporate powers.

SECTION 1. All that district of country hereinafter described, from and after the first Monday of April next, shall be a city by the name of River Falls; and the people now inhabiting, and those who shall inhabit said district, shall be a municipal corporation by the name of the city of River Falls, and shall have the general powers possessed by municipal corporations at common law, and in addition thereto shall have and possess the powers hereinafter specifically granted, and the authorities thereof shall have perpetual succession, shall be capable of contracting and being contracted with, or suing or being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, and shall have a common seal, and may change and alter the same at pleasure; *provided*, that the question of the adoption of this act, as a charter of such city, shall be submitted to the electors of such territory before such charter shall become operative.

Question of adopting charter to be submitted to voters.

For the purpose of determining such question the qualified electors residing in such territory shall meet on the thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day at such place as the the inspectors of such election shall appoint and vote by ballot upon such question. O. S. Powell, C. H. Crossman and George Pratt are hereby appointed inspectors of such election. In case of a vacancy in such board of inspectors the electors present shall choose viva voce from the qualified electors of such territory