

## CHAPTER 329.

[Published April 6, 1876.]

AN ACT to authorize the county of Burnett to build and maintain a free bridge across the St. Croix river, in town thirty-eight north, of range twenty west.

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

Authority to erect bridge.

SECTION 1. The county of Burnett is hereby authorized to erect and forever maintain a free bridge across the St. Croix river, in town thirty-eight north, of range number twenty west; *provided*, the total cost of building and completing said bridge shall not exceed five thousand dollars; *and provided further*, that nothing herein shall be held or construed to authorize any impeding or obstruction of the free navigation of the St. Croix river for logs or lumber.

Board of supervisors to fix location of bridge, and contract for erection of same.

SECTION 2. The board of supervisors of said county of Burnett is hereby authorized empowered to fix upon and determine, within the limits mentioned in section one of this act, the exact location of the bridge by this act authorized to be erected; and said supervisors are authorized and empowered to contract, in behalf of said county and in its corporate name, with one or more responsible parties for the erection of said bridge, in whole or in part, as the best interests of the public shall seem to require, and all contracts shall be let in a public manner, and to the lowest responsible bidder, after a public notice of at least three weeks, published in one or more newspapers in the counties of Burnett, Wisconsin, and Chisago, Minnesota; *provided*, that the time for awarding such contract or contracts may be postponed from time to time, as the public interest may require, and reasonable public notice of such postponement shall in all cases be given; *and provided further*, that said board of supervisors shall have the right, if in their best judgment the public interests will be best subserved thereby, to cause the erection and completion of said bridge, under the supervision of a committee, not exceeding three in number, to be chosen *viva voce* by the said board of supervisors at a meeting thereof, and to act during the pleasure of the said board of supervisors.

SECTION 3. The bridge aforesaid shall have strong railings at the sides, and shall be constructed and maintained in a safe and substantial manner for the passage of teams, animals and foot-passengers; and the said board of supervisors may at any time prescribe regulations for the government of said bridge, including penalties for the violation thereof, not inconsistent with the laws of this state, which penalties may be enforced by actions as for tort, brought in the name of the state and at the instance of any tax-payer, and shall be in all respects conducted like ordinary actions in tort, before any justice of the peace of said county, and all moneys recovered in any such action exclusive of costs shall be paid into the county treasury. A legible copy of all regulations and of penalties for violations thereof, hereby authorized, shall be posted in a conspicuous place upon or near each end of said bridge, and shall immediately thereafter be deemed in full force.

How bridge to be constructed.

Board to fix and enforce regulations.

SECTION 4. The board of supervisors of said county of Burnett is hereby authorized at the time and in the manner provided by law for levying county taxes, to levy a tax upon the taxable property in said county sufficient to pay the expenses of erecting and completing the said bridge; *provided*, that not more than one-third of said amount shall be levied as aforesaid in any one year. The tax so levied in any year shall be certified separately by the county clerk to the several towns, villages, and cities in said county, and shall by them be put in the assessment roll in a separate column, and shall be designated as "county bridge tax," and shall be payable in money.

Levy and collection of county bridge tax.

SECTION 5. If the board of supervisors of said county of Burnett shall deem the same preferable to the mode of raising money to erect the said bridge authorized by this act, it shall be lawful for the said board of supervisors to issue and negotiate the coupon bonds of said county of Burnett in lieu of the bonds heretofore authorized to be issued by said county for court house purposes, to the amount of five thousand dollars, in denominations of not less than fifty dollars each, payable ten years after date at the county seat of said county, with interest at ten per cent. per annum, and the proceeds or avails of said bonds shall be expended in the construction of said bridge.

Board may issue coupon bonds.

SECTION 6. In case the said county board shall issue the bonds of said county, as aforesaid, the said county

Levy of tax to pay principal

and interest of board shall annually thereafter levy a tax upon the taxable property of said county, sufficient to pay the interest on all the bonds which, at the time of levying the said tax, shall be outstanding and the principal of so many of said bonds as shall mature and become payable in such year, which tax shall be called the "county bridge tax," and shall be paid in money, or in the bonds and coupons then due and payable.

County clerk to keep record of bonds. SECTION 7. The county clerk of said county shall keep a faithful record of the bonds of said county which may be issued under the provisions of this act, which record shall contain a statement of the number of bonds issued, to whom issued, the amount of each respectively, when they will mature, and the rate of interest thereof, which record shall be open to the inspection of the public at any reasonable hour.

Levy of tax for repair of bridge SECTION 8. The said county board of supervisors is hereby authorized to levy such a tax annually, as may be necessary therefor, upon the taxable property in said county, for the purpose of maintaining and keeping in repair the said bridge, after the same shall have been erected.

Construction of act. SECTION 9. This act shall be construed favorably in all courts and places to effect the purpose intended to be accomplished, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication.

Approved March 13, 1876.

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## CHAPTER 330.

[Published March 18, 1876.]

AN ACT to provide for the election of justices of the peace in the city of Watertown.

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

Election of justices of the peace.

SECTION 1. At the annual election for city and ward officers in the city of Watertown, on the first Tuesday of April next, there shall be elected by the qualified electors of each ward in said city, one justice of the peace, who shall hold his office for two years, and until his successor is elected and qualified; *provided*, that in the year 1876, the justices elected for the first, third, fifth and seventh wards shall hold their offices