

AN ACT

To organize the county of Winnebago for judicial purposes.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Wisconsin:

County when organized.

SECTION 1. That from and after the first day of January next, the county of Winnebago shall be organized for judicial purposes, and shall enjoy all the privileges and immunities of other similarly organized counties within this territory. It shall form a part of the third judicial district, and the courts therein shall be held by the judge of said district.

Certain writs where to be tried.

SEC. 2. That all writs, process, appeals, and recognizances, or other proceedings, which shall be pending undetermined in the district court of the county of Fond du Lac on the said first day of January, A. D. 1848, which originated in courts of justices of the peace, in said county of Winnebago, shall be remanded back to and determined in the said courts of the county of Winnebago.

Duty of clerk of Fond du Lac.

SEC. 3. That on the said first day of January next, the clerk of the district court of Fond du Lac county shall transmit all writs, process, appeals, recognizances, or other proceedings, originating as aforesaid, together with a transcript of the record in each case, to the clerk of the district court of the said county of Winnebago.

Officers when to be elected.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, at the next annual election there shall be elected a sheriff and such other officers as said county shall be entitled to by the provisions of this act, by the legally qualified voters of said county, whose term of service shall commence on the said first day of January next, and continue for such length of time as is now provided by law.

Courts where held.

SEC. 5. That the judge of said third judicial district shall hold courts in said county of Winnebago semi-annually, at

such times as the said judge may determine, until otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 6. That the county seat in and for said county, for judicial and county purposes, is hereby established, after the said first day of January next, on section twenty-four, in township number eighteen, north of range sixteen east: *Provided*, that suitable buildings shall be furnished for the holding of courts for said county by the proprietors of said town, free of all cost or charge to the said county, for the next three years; after which, the qualified voters of said county may vote for or against raising a tax for the erection of public buildings, and if a majority of the same shall decide in favor of said tax, the supervisors or county commissioners of said county, as the case may be, shall levy such a tax upon the taxable property of said county as they may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

SEC. 7. When the legal voters of said county shall determine, by vote, upon raising a tax for the erection of public buildings as aforesaid, before the same shall be commenced, or any money expended therefor, it shall be the duty of the proprietors of the said town where the same are to be located, to execute and deliver to the supervisors or county commissioners of said county, as the case may be, and to be by them approved, a good and sufficient warrantee deed for a public square, or so much ground in some proper and suitable place of said town on which the same may be erected, for the use and benefit of said county, as the said supervisors or commissioners may deem necessary therefor; which said deed shall be recorded in the register's office of said county, and have the like force and effect of other deeds of record.

WILLIAM SHEW,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MASON C. DARLING,

President of the Council.

APPROVED, February 8, 1847.

HENRY DODGE.