

the clerk and moderator of such town meeting shall make return of such vote to the clerk of the board of supervisors of Fond du Lac county, within ten days after the day of such meeting, and the said clerk shall record such returns in the said supervisors office, and when so recorded the said county of Winnebago shall be deemed to be attached to the county of Fond du Lac, and be subject to all such provisions of law as pertains to the other counties hereby attached to the county of Fond du Lac; any law to the contrary notwithstanding, and it is hereby provided, that if a majority of the legal voters of the counties of Sheboygan and Marquette, shall in like manner on the first Tuesday of April next, vote against the annexation of said counties to the county of Fond du Lac, then the provisions of this act so far as the said counties are concerned, shall be of no effect, and they shall remain as now attached to the county of Brown.

APPROVED, January 22, 1844.

AN ACT to organize the county of Dodge, and to provide for locating the seat of justice of the same.

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

§ 1. That from and after the first day of March next, the county of Dodge be organized for judicial purposes, and shall enjoy all the privileges of other counties of this Territory. It shall form a part of the third judicial district, and the courts therein shall be held by the judge of the said district.

§ 2. All writs, process, appeals, recognizances, or other proceedings commenced in the district court of Jefferson county, prior to the first day of March next, shall be prosecuted to final judgment, and execution issued thereon, in the same manner they might or could have been had this act not passed; and execution on any judgment heretofore rendered in said court shall have the like force and effect, and may be executed and returned by the sheriff of Jefferson county; any thing in any law of this Territory to the contrary notwithstanding.

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§ 3. At the special election in said county, hereinafter provided for, the qualified electors of said county shall elect a sheriff, whose term of service shall commence on the first day of April next, and continue until the first day of January, A. D. 1847.

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seat of Justice.

§ 4. That for the purpose of permanently establishing the seat of justice of the said county, a special election shall be held in the several precincts of the same, on the third Monday of March next; at which election every white male person of the age of twenty-one years, who is an actual resident of the said county at the passage of this act, shall be entitled to vote. The voters as aforesaid shall elect one commissioner in each of the several precincts of the county, who shall be a resident of the same, and shall be elected by the said precinct; and the voters as aforesaid of the county shall elect one commissioner, who shall be a resident of the county; making five in all, and they, or a greater part of them, shall form a board of commissioners for the purpose of establishing the seat of justice of said county.

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where to meet.

§ 5. The commissioners elected in pursuance of this act, shall meet at the house of Major Pratt, in said county, on the second Monday of April next, and after having taken an oath or affirmation to faithfully and honestly discharge the duties conferred upon them, shall proceed to locate the seat of justice of said county at such place as they may deem most convenient for the present and future population of the said county, and they shall make a full report of all their doings to the clerk of the board of county commissioners on or before the first Monday of July next.

May purchase
land.

§ 6. The said commissioners are authorized to purchase of the United States, or of any individual, in the name of and for the use of the said county, any quantity of land not exceeding one quarter section, which land shall be the point selected by them for the seat of justice of said county; and they are authorized to borrow, for the purpose of purchasing the same, any sum of money not exceeding two hundred dollars, at a rate of interest not to exceed ten per cent; for the payment of which the county of Dodge shall be, and hereby is made liable.

Shall report
to clerk of
Board.

§ 7. So soon as the said commissioners shall have made the location of the seat of justice as aforesaid, it shall be their duty to make a report of the same to the

clerk of the board of county commissioners of said county, who shall record it, and certify the same to the Governor of this Territory, and he shall thereupon issue his proclamation declaring the place so selected to be the seat of justice of said county.

§ 8. The said commissioners shall receive for their services, such reasonable compensation as may be allowed them by the county commissioners of Dodge county. Compensation of commissioners.

§ 9. The county commissioners of the said county, are hereby authorized to levy a tax upon the taxable property of the said county, of any sum not to exceed three hundred dollars, which tax shall be appropriated to the payment of the debt created for the purchase of the lands embracing the seat of justice, and the payment of the expenses of locating the same, and to no other purpose whatever: *Provided*, that no tax exceeding three hundred dollars, shall be levied or expended in said county of Dodge, for the erection of public buildings in said county, until the assessment roll of said county shall amount in the aggregate to the sum of three hundred thousand dollars. May levy a tax.

§ 10. Until the seat of justice of said county is established and suitable buildings provided thereat, for the accommodation of the district court and the offices which by law are now required to be held at the seat of justice shall be lawful for the county commissioners to provide, rooms for holding the sessions of the district court, at such place or places in said county as they may deem most convenient for its inhabitants; and the said officers may keep their offices at any place in the county. Buildings and rooms.

§ 11. The county commissioners shall file in the office of the clerk of the district court of said county, at least sixty days before a session of the same, the place fixed upon (by) them for holding the said court; and the place or places so selected shall be deemed, for all intents and purposes, the court-house of the said county for the time being. Shall file with clerk the location.

APPROVED, January 20, 1844.