

establish a state road, commencing at a point on the road leading from Brighton to Fairfield, in section 11, township 73 north, range 9 west of the 5th principal meridian, where a direct line north will run on the open line between the farms [55] of John Jones and E. K. Hobson, to run due north to the northeast corner of the west half of the southwest quarter of section two, in said township; thence due east, to the center of said section two; thence due north, to the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section thirty-five, township seventy-four north, range nine west of same meridian; thence westwardly, along the territorial road leading from Brighton to Richland, until said road shall strike the line between the farms of Richard Disberry and J. E. Fields; thence due north, to the northeast corner of the west half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-six, in the above named township; thence west, to the northeast corner of section twenty-seven, in said township; thence due north, to the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section fifteen, in the above mentioned township; thence by the nearest and best route, to Amos Hart's mill on Skunk river.

SEC. 2. When to meet—oath. That said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the house of John Jones, in Jefferson county, on the second Monday of April next, or within thirty days thereafter, and proceed to lay out and establish said road according to law; and said commissioners are hereby authorized to administer to each other, and to all persons employed by them in laying out said road, the necessary oath or affirmation.

SEC. 3. Surveyor, etc.—compensation. Said commissioners shall employ a surveyor and other necessary persons, to lay out said road, who, together with said commissioners, shall receive such compensation and in such manner as the law provides.

SEC. 4. To take effect. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 11th, 1847.

CHAPTER 43.

TERRITORIAL ROAD.

AN ACT to continue the territorial road from De Witt to Lyons, across an out lot in the town of Lyons.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Commissioners—when to meet—duties. That Wm. G. Haun, James Claibourne and Daniel Hess, of the county of Clinton, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to survey and locate a part of the territorial road leading from De Witt to Lyons, in Clinton county; the said commissioners are to meet at the house of Daniel Hess, in Lyons, on the second Monday in April, 1847, and then [56] proceed to locate said road, commencing at the junction of Franklin and Sixth streets, in the town of Lyons, then running southwest until it intersects the territorial road leading to De Witt.

SEC. 2. Road recorded. It shall be the duty of the commissioners, or one of them, to record, in the office of the clerk of the board of county commissioners, a plat of the part of the road by them surveyed, with explanatory notes, within fifteen days after the same shall have been located.

SEC. 3. Expenses, etc., how paid. All expenses incurred in laying out and locating said road, together with all damage sustained by any individuals in consequence of laying out said road, shall be paid by the town of Lyons.

SEC. 4. Take effect. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, February 11th, 1847.

CHAPTER 44.

STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to locate and establish a state road from Iowa City to the west line of Dallas county.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Commissioners—duties. That Edward Ricord, of Iowa county, Nathan Williams, of Jasper county, and A. D. Jones, of Polk county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road, commencing at a point where the county road of Johnson county crosses Old Man's creek, near the house of James M'Crea, on section 31, township 79, north, range 6 west; thence, on the nearest and best route, to the county seat of Jasper county; thence to the county seat of Polk county; thence to the county seat of Dallas county; and thence to the west line of Dallas county, in the direction of Council Bluffs, on the Missouri river.

SEC. 2. Surveyor—compensation. That A. D. Jones, of the county of Polk, one of the commissioners named in the preceding section, shall act as surveyor in the location of said road, and shall receive such additional compensation as the county commissioners of the several counties shall deem reasonable.

SEC. 3. When to meet. Said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at the commencement of said road, on the first day of April next, or within three months thereafter, and proceed to locate and establish said road agreeably to the provisions of an act for laying out and opening territorial roads, approved, December 27, 1838.

Approved, February 12th, 1847.

[57] CHAPTER 45.

SKUNK RIVER.

AN ACT to provide for the navigation of Skunk river.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Navigable. That Skunk river from the forks thereof, in Keokuk county, to its mouth, is hereby declared a navigable stream.

SEC. 2. Obstructions—may be indicted—fine—proviso—slope—dimensions—where placed—who to designate—to be sworn—refusing to serve; forfeit—amount—how recovered. That any person or persons who shall in any wise obstruct or interrupt the navigation of said river, below the said forks, or continue such obstruction or interruption, may be indicted in any county bordering or touching upon said river; and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one hundred dollars, to be assessed by the jury: provided, that no person shall be liable for an obstruction or interruption occa-