

and Jackson, is hereby empowered to purchase of the Union Agr'l Board of Supervisors of Clinton county, Iowa, the Society may southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section purchase cer- sixteen, in township eighty-one, north of range one, tain land. east of the fifth principal meridian, at the sum of five Description. dollars per acre. Price.

SEC. 2. This Act, being deemed of immediate im- Publication. portance, shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register and Clinton County Advocate, free of expense to the State.

Approved March 26th, 1866.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the State Register March 28th, 1866, and in the Clinton County Advocate _____, 1866.

JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 59.

LEGALIZING THE ACTS OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY IN REFERENCE TO CERTAIN BRIDGES.

AN ACT to legalize the Acts of the Board of Supervisors of Washington county.

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Washington county, Iowa, did during the year 1865, contract with one John W. Crawford, for the construction of two bridges in said county over English river, one at Was- Preamble. sonville, and one at Richmond; and,

WHEREAS, The cost of each of said bridges exceeded according to the said contracts the sum of two thousand dollars; and,

WHEREAS, The proposition therefor was not by said Board of Supervisors, submitted to the legal voters of the county, as provided for by sub-division 23 of Section 312, Revision of 1860; therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all the Acts of the Board of Supervisors of Washington county, Iowa, in contract- ing for the erecting of said bridges as recited in the preamble hereto, are hereby legalized and confirmed and shall have all the binding force and effect that such Acts and contracts would have had if said Board of All acts legal- ized.

To be of what force and effect. Supervisors had proceeded according to the provisions of sub-division 23, of Section 312, Revision of 1860.

Publication.

SEC. 2. This Act being deemed of immediate importance by the General Assembly shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the State Register, a newspaper published at Des Moines, and the Washington Press, a newspaper published in Washington, Iowa, without expense to the State.

Approved March 26th, 1866.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the State Register March 28th, 1866 and in the Washington Press ——— — 1866.

JAMES WRIGHT, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 60.

AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY JUDGE OF DES MOINES COUNTY TO COMPLETE CERTAIN RECORDS.

AN ACT to authorize the County Judge of Des Moines county to record and complete the record of proceedings had before his predecessor in office.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, H. C. Ohrt, late County Judge in and for Des Moines county, failed to keep any record of his proceedings, after May 4th, 1863. Therefore,

Co. Judge authorized to make certain record.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa*, That the County Judge of said county, as such Judge, be, and hereby is, authorized to make up and sign a record of said proceedings, and, for that purpose, he is authorized to summon before him such witnesses as may be necessary to obtain evidence, in regard to dates and such other information as may be essential, such evidence to be in writing, and preserved with the files of the cases in which the same was taken, and to do, and perform, all other acts in the premises that may be necessary to the making up of said records in the most perfect and complete manner.

Such evidence, how taken and preserved.

May summon witnesses.

Such record, its validity.

SEC. 2. His record, so made, shall be *prima facie* evidence of its validity.

Compensation.

SEC. 3. That the Board of Supervisors, of said county, shall allow a suitable compensation for the services of said County Judge, by him performed, under this act.