

**SEC. 14. To meet 1st Monday in May.** That said commissioners, or a majority of them shall meet at the office of the clerk of the district court of the county of Benton, on the first Monday of May next, or at such other time not exceeding thirty days thereafter as a majority of them may agree.

[88] **SEC. 15. Commissioners' oath.** Said commissioners shall first take and subscribe the following oath, to-wit:—"We do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we have no personal interest either directly or indirectly in the location of the seat of justice of the county of Benton, and that we will faithfully and impartially locate the same, according to the best interest of said county, taking into consideration the future, as well as present population of said county," which oath shall be administered by the clerk of the district court, or any other officer authorized by law to administer oaths within the county of Benton, and the officer administering said oath, shall certify and file the same in the office of the clerk of the district court of said county, whose duty it shall be to record the same.

**SEC. 16. To locate and make return to district clerk.** Said commissioners when met and qualified under the provisions of this act, shall proceed to locate the seat of justice of said county of Benton, and as soon as they shall have come to a determination, the same shall be committed to writing, signed by the said commissioners, and filed with the clerk of the district court of said county, whose duty it shall be to record the same, and forever keep it on file in his office; and the place thus designated, shall be the seat of justice of said county.

**SEC. 17. Compensation of locators.** Said commissioners shall each be entitled to receive the sum of two dollars per day, while necessarily employed in the said location, and the sum of two dollars for every twenty miles travel, to and from the said county seat, which shall be paid by said Benton county, out of the first funds arising from the sale of town lots in such seat of justice.

**SEC. 18. Blackhawk county attached.** The county of Blackhawk, is hereby attached to said county of Benton for election, judicial and revenue purposes.

**SEC. 19. In force from passage.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 17th, 1845.

[89] CHAPTER 97.

ROAD IN HENRY.

AN ACT to declare a certain road therein named to be a territorial road.

*Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of the Territory of Iowa.*

**SECTION 1. Road between Pickles and McMillians.** That so much of the county road as lies between Rufus M. Pickles, in Henry county, and McMillian's mill, formerly Holcomb's mill in Washington county, be and the same is hereby declared to be a territorial road.

**SEC. 2. In force from passage.** This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 17th, 1846.