[263] CHAPTER 176.

BENTON CITY.

AN ACT to change the numbers of the blocks of lots in the town of Benton city, Benton county, state of Iowa.

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

SECTION 1. **Change of Nos.** That the numbers of the blocks of lots in the town of Benton City, in the county of Benton and state of Iowa, as designated on the plat thereof as recorded in the office of recorder of deeds and mortgages in and for said county, in book D, page 20, of the records thereof, be changed as follows, to wit: That block No. 2 shall hereafter be known as block No. 1, and No. 3 as No. 2, and No. 4 as No. 3, and No. 5 as No. 4, and No. 6 as No. 5, and No. 7 as No. 6, and No. 8 as No. 7, and No. 9 as No. 8, and No. 10 as No. 9, and No. 11 as No. 10, and No. 12 as No. 11, and No. 13 as No. 12, and No. 14 as No. 13, and No. 15 as No. 14, and No. 16 as No. 15.

SEC. 2. **Deeds.** That all deeds and conveyances heretofore made in good faith in accordance with the town plat as now changed, shall be held and considered legal and binding.

SEC. 3. **This act to be filed.** Provided, however, that this act, with a plat of said town, shall be filed in the recorder's office, in Benton county, within six months from and after the passage thereof.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and the Vinton Eagle, without expense to the state.

Approved January 28, 1857.

CHAPTER 177.

STATE ROAD.

AN ACT to establish certain state roads therein named.

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

SECTION 1. **Independence, N. Hampton.** That M. F. Gillett, of Bremer county; [264] Lorenzo Bailey and David Edward, of Chickasaw county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Independence, in Buchanan county, running thence to Fredrika, in Bremer county, thence to New Hampton in Chickasaw county.

SEC. 2. **Denison to Monona City.** That Hugh Litle, of Monroe county; Edward Todd, of Woodbury county, and Thomas Denison, of Crawford county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Denison, the county seat of Crawford county, on the shortest and most practicable route through Belvidere to Monona City, on the Missouri river, in Monona county.

SEC. 3. **Centerville to Marietta.** That Jonathan Davenport, John Hudson and William Jones, are hereby appointed commissioners to re-locate so much

of the state road from Centerville in Appanoose county, to Marietta in Marshall county, located in pursuance of an act approved January 24th, 1855, as lies in Appanose county.

SEC. 4. **Keithsburg to Wintersett.** That Mr. Keith, of Polk county; the county surveyor of Warren county, and Aaron Howell, of Madison county, be appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Keith's tavern, in Polk county, thence to Carlisle and Greenbush to Wintersett in Madison county.

SEC. 5. **Marietta to Irvington and Algona.** That Cyrus Smith, of Webster county; John Young, of Kossuth county, and Elias Wolohans, of Marshall county, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road commencing at Marietta, in Marshall county, at a point intersecting the state road from Iowa City to Marietta, thence running via New Providence in Hardin county; Webster City, in Webster county; Irvington and Algona, in Kossuth county, on the most feasable route to the Minnesota line.

SEC. 6. **Sigourney to Ottumwa.** That Joseph Adams, Benjamin Parish, of Keokuk county, and John C. Fisher, of Wapello county, be, and they are hereby appointed to locate and establish a state road commencing at Sigourney, in Keokuk county, thence on the nearest and best route via Martinsburg in Keokuk county, to Ottumwa in Wapello county.

SEC. 7. **Decorah to Bristol.** That Stephen R. Smith, of Mitchell county; Wm. Cole, of Howard county, and I. P. McKinney, of Winneshiek county, be, and they are hereby appointed [265] commissioners to locate a state road from Decorah, in Winneshiek county, via New Oregon, in Howard county; St. Ansgar, in Mitchell county; Glenmary, on sections No. 24 and 25, in township No. 99 north, of range No. 21 west, in Worth county, to Bristol in said Worth county.

SEC. 8. **Centerville to Ottumwa.** That Asa Dudley, of Appanoose county; and Cyrus Vancleaver and Richard Fisher, of Wapello county, are appointed commissioners to locate a state road commencing at the public square in Centerville, thence north on Main street, to Washington street, thence east to Monroe street, thence north to the county road between the property of A. Harris and J. F. Stratton, thence east on said road to the east street, thence north to the north-east corner of Centerville, thence east on the section line between sections thirty and thirty-one, township sixty-nine, range seventeen, one half mile, thence the nearest and best route to Ottumwa, via Unionville, Albany and Blakesbury; where said road runs on the streets of any town or village, it shall have the same width as such street.

SEC. 9. **Cedar Falls to Sioux City.** That James M. Noble, of Delaware county; H. B. Martin, of Webster county, and John F. Duncan, of Webster county, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road from Cedar Falls, in Black Hawk county, thence via Webster City and Fort Dodge, on the most practicable route to Sioux City.

SEC. 10. **Council Bluffs to Sioux City.** That Silas W. Conduit, of Harrison county; J. B. Gard, of Monona county, and George W. Chapel, of Woodbury county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Council Bluffs City, in Pottawattamie county, up Missouri river bottom, on the shortest and most practicable route, running west of the Willow Creek, in Harrison county, crossing the Soldier Creek at what is known as the Indian Bridge, thence up the bottom, crossing the Little Sioux river on Condit's bridge, thence to Monona City, in Monona county, thence through Ashton, on the most direct and practicable route to Sioux City.

SEC. 11. **Keel's mill to Connectionville.** That James Hardy, of Harrison county; Guy C. Banum, of Monona county, and Orin Smith, of Woodbury

county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from William R. Keel's mill, [266] on the Pigeon Creek, in Pottawattamie county, thence on the shortest and most practicable route, through Magnolia, in Harrison county, Preparation and Belvidere, in Monona county, and Southland, to Connectionville, in Woodbury county.

SEC. 12. **Adams & Lovett's bridge to Magnolia.** That James M. Butler, of Shelby county; S. J. Comfort, of Crawford county, and Benijah Alsams, of Harrison county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road commencing in Shelby county, on the east fork of the West Nishnalotana, at what is known as Adams and Lovett's bridge, thence through Shelbyville, and by way of Butler and Ball's Mill, on the Boyer river, to Magnolia, in Harrison county.

SEC. 13. **Panora to Soldier creek.** That P. J. Whitted, of Audubon county; James H. Adams, of Shelby county, and Owen Thorp, of Harrison county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road, commencing at Panora, in Guthrie county, thence west on or as near the township line between township seventy-nine and eight north, as practicable, through Magnolia, to the mouth of Soldier creek, on the Missouri river, in Harrison county.

SEC. 14. **Ft. Demoine to Mount Air.** That John D. Wright, of the county of Union; and Samuel Saint, of the county of Clarke; and Peter Doze, of the county of Ringgold, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Ft. Desmoines, running thence via Greenbush, St. Charles, Laport, in Clarke county; Jas. A. Forgers and S. C. Carpers, in Union county, to form a junction at or near that point, with the state road authorized to be established from Fort Desmoines via Indianola, Osceola, Hopeville and Mt. Air.

SEC. 15. **Ft. Desmoine to Minnesota.** That B. Detrick, of Boone county; E. W. Salesbury, of Webster county; and I McIntosh, of Wright county, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road, commencing at Boonsboro at a state road from Ft. Desmoines to Boonsboro, thence running in a north-easterly course via of Webster City and Fremont to the Minnesota line.

SEC. 16. **Knoxville to county line.** That James Thornbury, Robert M. Logan, and John Cromwell, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road from Knoxville, the county seat of Marion county, and running on the [267] most direct, practicable route to Pleasantville, thence on the most direct, practicable route via Wheeling to the county line between Marion and Warren near James Thornburg's connecting with the state road leading to Fort Desmoines.

SEC. 17. **Feyette to Osage.** That John A. Griffith, of Fayette county; Osgood Gowen, of Chicksaw county; and J. L. Chase, of Mitchell county, be, and are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Fayette, Fayette county, to Osage, Mitchell county, via New Hampton, Chickasaw county.

SEC. 18. **Genoa Bluffs to Vinton.** That S. S. Parks, of Benton county, J. C. McConnell; and Charles D. Hoostetker, of Iowa county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road, commencing at Genoa Bluffs, in Iowa Co., thence via Marengo, in Iowa Co., to Vinton, in Benton Co.

SEC. 19. **Osage to Algona.** That A. H. Moore, of Mitchell county; Amos B. Miller and James Crow, of Cerro Gordo county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate and establish a state road beginning at Osage, in Mitchell county, thence by Mason City and Clear Lake City, in Cerro Gordo county, to Algona, in Kossuth county.

SEC. 20. **Wassonville to Barnsville.** That Benj. Murun, of Mahaska county; John S. Sheely, of Poweshiek county; and Terry, of Washington county, be, and are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Wassonville, in the county of Washington, thence the nearest and best route to the southeast corner of Poweshiek county, thence on or near the county line as would be most practicable to Boonsville, in Poweshiek county, from thence westward to Walker's Mill, thence to Grandville, in Mahaska county, to its place of termination.

SEC. 21. **West Union to Clarksville.** That Robert Brelie, Wm. Bostick, of Bremer county; and George McClelland, of Butler county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from West Union, in Fayette county, via Waverley, in Bremer county, to Clarkville, in Butler county.

SEC. 22. **Cedar Falls to Clear Lake.** That John Maber, of Winnebago county; Frederick Pattee, of Cerro Gordo county; and M. D. L. Webb, of Benton county, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Cedar Falls, in Blackhawk county, thence to Clear Lake, in Cerro Gordo county, thence to Forest City, in Winnebago county.

SEC. 23. **Deedsville to Brighton.** That William Israel, of Brighton; and Anson [268] Moore, both of Washington county; and William Rogers, of Jefferson county, be, and are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from Deedsville, commencing on the west bank of Skunk river, and running thence to Brighton, to connect at the latter place with a state road running to Oskaloosa.

SEC. 24. **Camanche to Anamosa.** That the part of the state road, leading from Camanche to Anamosa, to wit: from the point where said road crosses sections nineteen (19) and twenty (20), thence to west side of section thirteen (13), in township eighty-one (81), range five, east of the fifth P. M., be changed and located as follows, to wit: commencing at said point where said road crosses said sections nineteen (19) and twenty (20), thence north to the southwest corner of section seventeen (17), thence west along the south line of section eighteen (18) to the centre of said south line of said section, thence north to the center of said section eighteen, thence west to the west line of section thirteen (13), thence north on west line of said section to the line of intersection of said road.

SEC. 25. **Muscatine to Ormans Ferry.** That William Gordon, John Barnard, and John H. Cole, be, and they are hereby appointed to re-locate so much of the state road leading from the city of Muscatine to Iowa City as lies between the city of Muscatine and Overman's Ferry, on Cedar river.

SEC. 26. **Clark and Kirkwood's mill to Vinton.** That Ezekiel Clark, Luther Doty, and Justice D. Morton, of Johnson county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from a point at or near the planing mills of Clark and Kirkwood, in Iowa City township, in Johnson county, to the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of the north-west quarer of section number five, township eighty north, of range seven west, thence along the Foster road to Greencastle, thence via Coterell's Ferry and Malvern, in Johnson county, to Vinton, in Benton county.

SEC. 27. **Glenwood to Chariton.** That William Dun, of Montgomery county; Thomas Ennis, of Adams county, and Samuel Riggs, of Union county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissions to review and more accurately define the locality of that portion of the state road running from Glenwood to Chariton, as follows, to wit: between the west line of Montgomery county, and the east line of Union county.

[269] SEC. 28. **New Hampton to Oregon.** That Thomas Jacobs and C. M. Webster, of Chickasaw county, and Martin Burdick, of Howard county, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road from New Hampton, in Chickasaw, to Oregon Grove, Howard county.

SEC. 29. **Caruther's ferry to Muscatine.** That William H. Hazelett, Samuel Morton, and Moses M. Byers, of Muscatine county, are hereby appointed commissioners to locate a state road, beginning at a point on the east side of the Cedar river, where Caruther's ferry crosses the same in township seventy-seven (77) north, of range three (3) west, in Muscatine county, thence to the south-west corner of the north-west quarter of section twenty-two (22), in the township and range aforesaid; thence east to the Iowa City road leading to the city of Muscatine, as to them shall appear the best and most practicable route.

SEC. 30. **Com'rs meet.** That the commissioners above appointed to locate each respective road, or a majority of them, shall meet on the first Monday in July, A. D. 1857, or within six months thereafter, at the first point mentioned in each proposed road, or some other point, if agreed upon, and taking to their assistance a surveyor and necessary chainmen and markers, and after having been sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties respectively, shall proceed to perform the same according to law.

SEC. 31. **Compensation.** The commissioners, surveyors, and hands, to be paid as provided by the law in such case made and provided; but the state shall in no case be liable for any part of the expense incurred in the location of said roads.

SEC. 32. This act to take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved January 28, 1857.

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[270] CHAPTER 178.

RAILROAD STOCK.

AN ACT to authorize the city of Dubuque to subscribe to the capital stock of the Dubuque, St. Peters and St. Paul railroad company.

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

SECTION 1. **Bonds and conditions.** That the mayor of the city of Dubuque be, and he is hereby authorized to issue the bonds of said city for the benefit of the Dubuque, St. Peters and St. Paul railroad, to the amount of $250,000 (under such conditions as the city council may think proper to impose,) in payment of stock subscribed by said city, and that the proceeds of said bonds may be expended outside of the limits of the county of Dubuque.

SEC. 6. This act shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and Iowa Capital Reporter.

Approved January 28, 1857.

I certify that the foregoing act was published in the Iowa City Republican, Feb. 16, 1857, and in the Iowa Capital Reporter.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Sec'y of State.