

river, without [132] unreasonable delay; the result of which examination said commissioners shall cause to be entered in the books of said board.

SEC. 2. Time of taking effect. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

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CHAPTER 114.

ROAD.

AN ACT declaring a certain road therein named a public highway, and the establishment and continuation of the same through the counties of Jackson, Clinton and Cedar.

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

SECTION 1. Road commencing at David G. Bates', route of; declared a territorial road; board of commissioners of Jackson county may re-locate part of. That the road as now traveled, from the ferry of David G. Bates, on the west bank of the Mississippi river, by the way of the towns of Bellview, Andrews, (the seat of justice of Jackson county,) and thence to Springfield post office, in said county, be and the same is hereby declared a territorial road: provided, that so much of said road as lies between Bellview and Andrew may hereafter be re-located by the board of commissioners of said county, if they think fit.

SEC. 2. Appointment of commissioners to locate territorial road, commencing at John E. Goodenow's, route of; commissioners how to proceed in discharge of duties; where and when to meet; counties through which road runs not to pay expense. That William Phillips, William H. Efner, of Jackson county, and A. Cowles, of Clinton county, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners to lay out and establish a territorial road, beginning at the house of John E. Goodenow, the Springfield post office; thence on the most eligible route to or as near as may be thought the most practicable, to cross the Wabesipinicon river, at or near the place where Thorn and Anderson are about erecting a mill on said stream, and thence on the most proper route to intersect the territorial road from Camanche to Tipton, in Cedar county, having due reference to the accomodation of the present and future inhabitants of the country through which said road passes, as well as the public generally. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall meet at Springfield on the first Monday of June eighteen hundred and forty-four, or at such other time during the year as they may agree upon, and then proceed to the discharge of their duties: provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to allow said commissioners any compensation to be drawn from the treasury of either of the above counties.

SEC. 3. Commissioners to take an oath, nature of. That each of said commissioners shall, before he enters [133] upon the duties required of him by the provisions of this act, take and subscribe, before some justice of the peace or other officer authorized to administer oaths, the following affidavit: "I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will faithfully and impartially, without prejudice or favor, perform the duties of commissioner in strict accordance with the provisions of this act."

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