

CHAPTER 100.

BUCHANAN COUNTY.

AN ACT to locate the seat of justice of Buchanan county.

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

SECTION 1. Seat of justice to be located. That John G. McDonald, of the county of Jackson, Theophilus Crawford, of Dubuque county, and John W. Clark, of the county of Delaware, be and they are hereby appointed commissioners, to locate and establish the seat of justice of the county of Buchanan. Said commissioners, or any two of them, shall meet at the house of Joseph A. Reynolds, in said county of Buchanan, on the first Monday in May, A. D. 1846, or on such other day during the month of May, as they or a majority of them may agree, and proceed [91] to locate and establish the seat of justice of said county, as near the geographical centre of said county as said commissioners may deem proper, paying due regard to the present, as well as future population of said county; and as soon as they have come to a determination, they shall give said point a name; their proceedings shall be committed to writing, signed by the said commissioners, or a majority of them, and filed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners of Delaware county until the said county of Buchanan is fully organized, and when organized, the clerk of the board of commissioners of said Buchanan county shall record and keep the same on file in his office; and the place so selected as aforesaid, shall be the seat of justice of Buchanan county.

SEC. 2. Commissioners to be qualified. Said commissioners shall, previous to entering upon their duties as aforesaid, take and subscribe before some magistrate, or other person authorized to administer oaths, the following oath or affirmation, to-wit: "We do solemnly swear (or affirm) that we have no personal interest, directly or indirectly, in the location of the seat of justice of the county of Buchanan, 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; and the person so administering such oath, shall certify and file the same as provided in the first section of this act.

SEC. 3. Compensation of locators. The commissioners aforesaid shall receive each, two dollars per day, and two dollars for every twenty miles travel, while necessarily engaged in the discharge of their duty.

SEC. 4. Treasury of Buchanan liable for expenses. Said commissioners shall be paid for their services required by this act, out of the county treasury of said county of Buchanan, so soon as the same shall become organized, for county purposes.

SEC. 5. Act in force forthwith. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 19th, 1846.