

SEC. 2. **Tax or no tax.** The question submitted by the county commissioners to the people shall be in the following words, to wit: tax? or no tax?

SEC. 3. **Commissioners shall levy a tax—tax to be paid in cash.** Should the people determine to have a tax levied for the above mentioned purpose, the commissioners shall levy a tax sufficient to erect a good substantial bridge across the Maquoketa river at Bridgeport, and let out the building of the same to the lowest and best bidder; provided, said tax so levied shall be paid in cash and in no other manner.

SEC. 4. **Take effect.** This act shall take effect from its passage.

Approved February 4th, 1851.

CHAPTER 40.

POOR HOUSE FARM.

AN ACT to authorize the county commissioners of Lee county to purchase a farm and build a poor house thereon.

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

SECTION 1. **County commissioners to purchase farm—poor house.** That the commissioners of the county of Lee, be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to purchase any quantity of land as to them may seem fit, not exceeding two hundred and forty acres, for the purpose of establishing a poor house and farm thereon, for the said county of Lee.

SEC. 2. **Health and convenience.** Said commissioners in making such purchase, shall be governed as well in making said location, by its healthiness, as its convenience for all the general interests of the people of said county.

SEC. 3. **Erect buildings—management.** They shall proceed to erect a house or houses thereon as necessity requires, and govern and manage the same in all respects, as to them may appear best for the interests of said county.

SEC. 4. **Paupers.** Every person becoming a county charge (except per- [78] sons convicted of penal offences,) shall be sent to said farm, and kept and governed by such rules as the overseer thereof shall establish, not repugnant to the rules established by said commissioners.

SEC. 5. **Commissioners shall appoint an overseer.** The said commissioners shall appoint an overseer of said farm, who shall reside thereon, and who shall enter into bond to said county commissioners, in a penal sum to be fixed by said commissioners, for the faithful performance of his duties.

SEC. 6. **May be discharged.** Such overseer may be removed at the pleasure of the said commissioners, for violation of the rules prescribed for said farm, or for incompetency to discharge the duties of overseer.

SEC. 7. **Overseer to clerk—compensation.** The overseer shall perform the duties of clerk for said farm, and such other duties as may be prescribed by said commissioners, and shall receive such compensation as may be fixed by the commissioners at the time of his appointment, which compensation shall not be reduced during the term of his appointment.

SEC. 8. **Take effect.** This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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