

CHAPTER 14.

WIDTH OF ROADS.

AN ACT reducing the width of certain State Roads therein named.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That all State roads lying within the boundaries of the town of Floris, in Davis county, Iowa, are hereby reduced to correspond in width with the streets in said town, along the routes of which, said roads respectively run. State roads in Floris reduced

SEC. 2. This act to be in force from and after its publication according to law.

Approved Dec. 20th, 1856.

CHAPTER 15.

COUNTY OF HAMILTON.

AN ACT to create the County of Hamilton.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That so much of the County of Webster, as lies east of range twenty-seven, west of the fifth principal meridian, according to the official survey of lands by the United States Government, be and the same is hereby created and organized into a new county to be called Hamilton. Created and organized

SEC. 2. All the estate of which the county of Webster is now seized shall belong to, and the county be seized thereof to its own use, in which such real estate may be situated, after the division by the organization of such new county. Estate belong where situated.

SEC. 3. The said county of Webster, and said county of Hamilton, shall both be and remain liable for any and all indebtedness existing against the county of Webster, at the time this act takes effect, to the same extent as if this act had not been passed, and the money rights and credits or Joint liability.

Equal division. other personal property belonging to the said county of Webster, at the time this act takes effect, shall be apportioned between said counties, in such manner as shall be just and equitable.

Gov. appoint a Comis'r to act with County Judges of Webster and Hamilton. SEC. 4. For the purpose of ascertaining and fixing upon such apportionment of money, rights and credits, or other personal property provided for in the preceding section, the Governor shall, on the complete organization of said county of Hamilton by the election of county officers, and upon the request of the county Judge of said county of Hamilton, appoint some disinterested person Commissioner, who shall, together with the county Judge of said county of Webster, and the county Judge of said county of Hamilton, form a Commission, who shall meet at a time to be fixed by the said Commissioner, to be appointed by the Governor, at the county seat of Webster county, and make such apportionment of said money, rights and credits, or other property above mentioned, as to them shall appear just and equitable. The decision of said Commissioners, or any two of them, shall be final, and such decision shall be reduced to writing, and signed by the Commissioners making the same, and a duplicate furnished to each of said counties. The said Commissioner to be appointed by the Governor, shall, before proceeding to act as such, take and subscribe an oath for the faithful performance of his duties.

Apportion eff-ec's, &c., equitably.

Duplicate decision furnished each county.

Com'r sworn.

Compensation. SEC. 5. Said Commissioners shall each receive three dollars per day, for every day they shall be actually employed in making such apportionment, to be paid by the county of Hamilton.

Election. SEC. 6. At the next April election after the passage of this act, there shall be elected by the qualified voters, residing within the county of Hamilton, the same county and township officers as are now allowed and required by law in organized counties: *Provided*, no township officers shall be elected only in cases where an election would have taken place had this act not been passed; *And further provided*, that the said county officers so elected shall hold their offices as if elected to fill vacancies. The votes cast at such election shall be returned to and canvassed by the county Judge of Webster county, who shall canvass the same, and

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notify the persons elected of their election. The person elected county Judge of Hamilton county, shall qualify before the county Judge of Webster county; and when so qualified, the organization of said county shall be deemed complete. The expenses of said election shall be paid by the county of Hamilton. Expenses paid by Hamilton county.

SEC. 7. The county Judge of Hamilton county may, whenever he shall deem it expedient so to do, cause to be transcribed so much of the public records of the county of Webster as he may deem necessary, and place them among the public records of the county of Hamilton, and the copies so made, if duly certified to be true and correct copies by the proper officer having the original records in his custody as a public officer, at the time of so certifying, shall be received by all Courts with like effect as if the original records were offered in evidence. Evidence.

SEC. 8. Webster City is hereby designated as the county-seat of Hamilton county, subject however to the provisions of the general law relating to the re-locating county-seats. County-seat.

SEC. 9. This shall be in force from and after its publication in the Iowa City Republican and Fort Dodge Sentinel.
Approved 22d Dec., 1856.

I certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa City Republican, and in the Fort Dodge Sentinel, Jan. 8, 1857.

ELIJAH SELLS,
Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 16.

RINGGOLD COUNTY.

AN ACT to legalize the organization of Ringgold county, and the election and official acts of officers in said county.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the election, and all necessary acts organizing the county of Ringgold, together with the election of officers, and the official acts of officers elected under said organization be, and the same are hereby declared legal. Acts of officers legalized.