

## CHAPTER 125.

## ASYLUM FOR THE BLIND.

AN ACT to locate and provide for the erection of an Institution for the education of the Blind of the State of Iowa.

**Com'rs appointed to locate.** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That James C. Traer, of Benton county, John W. Jones, of Hardin county, and Hosea W. Gray, of Linn county, are hereby appointed a Board of Commissioners to locate and Superintend the erection of a building, at or near the town of Vinton, in Benton county, to be used as an institution for the education of the Blind of the State of Iowa.

**Commissioners qualify.** SEC. 2. Before entering upon the discharge of their duties, the Commissioners shall take and subscribe an oath before some officer competent to administer the same, faithfully to discharge their duties as such Commissioners, and they shall not locate said institution on less than forty acres of land, within one mile of the plat of said town of Vinton, and when they have fixed upon a site, they shall receive from the owner or owners thereof, a deed conveying the title to the same, without expense to the State of Iowa.

**Limits of site.**

**Plan determined** SEC. 3. When the location of the building is agreed upon, the Commissioners are hereby authorized to employ an architect to draft a plan for the same, which plan shall contemplate for its execution, together with necessary out-houses and appurtenances, a cost not to exceed twenty thousand dollars.

**Proposals advertised for.** SEC. 4. When plans of said buildings are determined, the Commissioners are authorized to advertise for proposals for the erection of said building, which shall be built of either brick or stone, or both, and provided suitable proposals are received by them, are authorized to contract for the erection thereof; *Provided,* also, that satisfactory security be given to said Commissioners, by the contractors, for the faithful performance of their contracts.

**Security of contractors.**

**Cost of building.** SEC. 5. The Commissioners shall not contract fo

the erection of said building, together with necessary out-houses and other appurtenances at a cost exceeding the sum of twenty thousand dollars, which sum shall cover the entire cost of the completion of the building and out-houses and appurtenances aforesaid.

SEC. 6. The sum of fifteen thousand dollars is here- Appropriation.  
by appropriated for the erection of said building, out-houses and appurtenances, and no part of the appropriation herein provided for, shall be paid by the State Treasurer, except on the warrants of the Auditor, who shall issue such warrants on the requisition of the Commissioners only; *Provided*, also that said Commissioners shall not authorize any money to be drawn except for Money drawn.  
expenditures actually incurred; but no part of the appropriation herein made, shall be so paid until the payment of the sum of five thousand dollars in money, exclusive of land donated by citizens of said county of Donations.  
Benton shall have been secured to the satisfaction of said Commissioners, by bond or other writing obligatory.

SEC. 7. The Board of Commissioners shall receive Pay of Commis-  
two dollars per day each for the time they are employed sioners.  
in the discharge of the duties hereinbefore imposed, and their necessary expenses shall also be paid from the Treasury of the State.

SEC. 8 It shall be the duty of said Board, or a ma- Time of selecting  
jority of them, to proceed within six months from the site.  
taking effect of this act, to select such site, and advertise for proposals for the erection of said building, and report their proceedings to the next Legislature.

SEC. 9. The Commissioners shall have power to sell Land sold for  
such portion of the land on which said building is loca- construction of  
ted, as they may think proper, and the proceeds of such buildings.  
sale shall be used in the construction of said building.

SEC. 10. This act shall be in force from and after Take effect.  
its publication in the Iowa Citizen and Iowa State Journal, at Des Moines.

Approved, March 22d, 1858.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Act was published in the Iowa Citizen on the 7th day of April, 1858, and in the Iowa State Journal on the 3d day of April, 1858.

ELIJAH SELLS,  
Secretary of State.