

taxes, levy on the assessable property of the county a sum sufficient to pay for the bridge and its embankments and abutments.

Id s 50  
1856, c 308, s 4  
To be built by  
contract  
Proposals to be  
advertised for

**64.** All bridges shall be built or repaired by contract, and the county commissioners shall advertise in one or more newspapers, and, if there be no newspaper published in the county or counties, then by such public notice as they shall deem most advisable, setting forth the place where said bridge is to be built or repaired, with full specifications of the plan and materials, and that sealed proposals for building or repairing said bridge will be received until a day named in the advertisement.

Id s 51  
1856, c 308, s. 4.  
Contract  
awarded to  
lowest bidder.

**65.** On the day named in such advertisement the proposals shall be opened, and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder, who in the opinion of the county commissioners shall be qualified to build or repair the bridge; and the contractor shall be required to enter into bonds, with approved security, in double the amount of the contract, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract.

Bond of  
contractor

Id s 52  
1856, c 308, s 5  
Inspection of  
work.

**66.** When a contractor shall notify the county commissioners that the bridge is finished, the county commissioners shall inspect the work, and if in their judgment it has been constructed according to the contract and specification, they shall take the same from the hands of the contractor, and open it for public travel, and then, and not before, the contractor shall be entitled to receive the last instalment due thereon.

Id s 53  
1856, c 308, s 6  
Appointment of  
examiners  
where bridge  
between two  
counties.

**67.** If, upon petition in writing of any citizen or citizens of any county to the county commissioners, praying for a bridge to be built or repaired, over any stream or place dividing two adjoining counties, and the said county commissioners shall deem the prayer in the petition reasonable, they shall, by message in writing, ask the concurrence of the county commissioners of the adjoining county, and, upon the concurrence of the last-named county commissioners, the county commissioners of each county shall appoint three disinterested and discreet examiners, and each shall notify the other of such appointment.

Id s 54  
1856, c 308, s 6  
Examiners to  
report.

**68.** The said examiners shall, with all convenient dispatch, meet and examine, and determine as to the expediency of building or repairing the bridge, the place where, the plan, material, and the relative portion of the cost, each of the adjoining counties should pay, and estimate the whole cost, and report their opinion and all other proceedings to their respective county commissioners.

Id s 55  
1856, c 308, s 6  
If report con-  
firmed, to adver-  
tise for pro-  
posals

**69.** If the said report be approved, and a bridge be reported as proper and expedient to be built or repaired, the said several county commissioners shall direct the examiners to advertise for sealed proposals to build or repair such bridge as in their report may be mentioned, stating the place, plan, material, and workmanship, with sufficient certainty for the purpose of obtaining proper proposals for the same, and the time and place when such proposals will be opened.