

Companies for the Erection of Bridges.

1868, ch. 471, sec. 118.

86. If any corporation formed under the provisions of this article shall desire to erect any bridge over any river, creek or stream of water in this State, or between this and another State, the said corporation shall first obtain the consent, in writing, of the county commissioners of the county in which said bridge may be proposed to be located; or if said bridge be proposed to be erected over a stream dividing two counties, then such corporation shall obtain the consent, in writing, of the county commissioners of both of said counties; and the resolution of the said county commissioners giving said consent shall be recorded amongst the proceedings of said commissioners, and also in the journal or book of proceedings of said corporation.

Ibid. sec. 119.

87. The corporation may agree with the owners for the lands necessary for the abutments of the bridge, and for roads and ways thereto, and for earth or stone required in the construction of said bridge and of said ways; and the rights acquired by agreement shall be conveyed by deed, duly acknowledged and recorded. In case of failure to agree, or of disability of the owners to contract, or of their absence from the State, the corporation may obtain the lands, earth and stone by condemnation.

Ibid. sec. 120.

88. When a bridge located in one county shall be completed, the president and directors of the corporation shall report in writing to the county commissioners of said county, under the oath or affirmation of the president and a majority of the directors, and of the treasurer of the company, the actual cost of construction of said bridge; and the county commissioners shall appoint three persons to examine the same, and report whether it has been constructed in such a substantial and durable manner as is required to promote the public convenience, and the report shall be reviewed and ratified, or rejected by the county commissioners, who may appoint other persons to report thereon, in their discretion; and if it shall be finally determined by the county commissioners that the bridge is erected in a proper manner, they