

building committee for the purpose of having said courthouse and jail erected, and selecting a site or sites therefor at La Plata or Chapel Point, whichever shall, by said election, be declared to be the choice of places for locating the county seat; and in case of the death, refusal to act, or resignation of one or more of said building committee, the remaining members of said building committee shall fill such vacancy or vacancies; the members of said committee shall serve without pay; a majority of them shall form a quorum for business and shall be necessary for the decision of all questions arising in the discharge of their duties; and said committee shall, as speedily as may be, procure a site or sites for the erection of said buildings, by gift, purchase or condemnation, for and in the name of the County Commissioners of said county; and if proceedings of condemnation are necessary, they shall be instituted by said building committee in the name of the County Commissioners of Charles county, and the proceedings shall be in conformity to the provisions of article 23 of the Code of Public General Laws, sub-title "Condemnation of property by corporations," so far as the same may be applicable hereunto; provided, that the Circuit Court for Charles county may confirm the same on such notice as shall be fixed by an order, passed on said inquisition, of not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the passage of this order.

Power of condemnation.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That said building committee shall adopt a plan and specification for said buildings and the necessary furniture therefor, and may contract for the same, having first invited sealed proposals by advertisement or otherwise, and the contract or contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, who shall give good and sufficient bond to the County Commissioners, to be approved by the said building committee, for the faithful performance of said contract or contracts; and the said building committee are hereby authorized to sell and dispose of the present court house and jail lots and the buildings and materials thereon, except in so far as any of said materials may be advantageously used in the erection of the said new buildings, and by a good and sufficient deed convey the same, and the proceeds of said sale shall be part of the fund for erecting the new buildings herein provided for.

Power to contract for buildings.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That said buildings shall be completed on or before the beginning of the July term of the Circuit Court for said county, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, unless said building committee should otherwise

Buildings, when to be completed.