

“DODGE COUNTY COURT HOUSE” *

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THE DODGE COUNTY COURT HOUSE

At the January meeting, 1858, . . . Notice was given for proposals to erect a county jail, but this project probably came to naught because of the financial crash of that year, and the county is without a jail to this day.

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April 18, [1865] the [County] Board located the place for the erection of the court house, on lots one, two and three in block twenty-two of the town of Mantorville [the county seat], with the understanding that the townspeople would pay for and deed the lots to the county, and also that Mr. La Due would quit claim to the county the balance of the west half of said block. The draft, plan and specifications as procured from C. Townshend Mix, of Milwaukee, were adopted, with some alterations; Messrs. S. Willson and Thos. Marshall were appointed building committee, and also to negotiate county bonds, and Wm. T. Collum was engaged to take charge of the erection of the building and advise with the above committee. June 24th, the board was notified by the sheriff that T. G. Ingraham, registrar of deeds, had left the State, and that consequently there was a vacancy. No action was taken at this time, but July 5th, J. E. Bancroft, acting as deputy, was appointed to fill the unexpired term. September 5th, Mr. Collum made a statement that he had received from the county treasurer \$6,402.50, and disbursed \$6,357.22 on the new county building. He handed the sum remaining in his hands, \$45.28, to the chairman and asked to be relieved from further duty, which was granted with a vote of thanks. Samuel Willson was appointed to superintend the further construction of said building.

January 3d, 1866, the Board made an appropriation of \$1,000 to finish enclosing new county building, and for inside work on the same. E. K. Proper was appointed on the building committee in place of Thos. Marshall.

January 2nd, 1867, the Board made a further appropriation of \$1,000 to be applied on court house building expenses. . . . March 11th it was voted to appropriate \$1,007.61 to pay indebtedness incurred in building court house, and Messrs. Kneeland and Proper were appointed a committee to expend \$1,000 more toward finishing said building, if it could be borrowed at 12 per cent.

. . . .

In 1870, January 7, \$500 was appropriated toward finishing rooms in court house. It was also voted that county officers having their offices in the court house to be required to furnish wood for their several offices. In May it was voted to use sufficient of the county funds to finish the court house. September 7th it was voted to erect a suitable stone building on the court house grounds for a register's office. (It was never built.)

At the September [1871] meeting the offices in the new court house were assigned as at present. The total cost of the structure is given at \$15,000. L. S. Peck was instructed to grade the court house yard and build the boundary walls as they now are.

1872 . . . The total cost of the stone steps, walls, etc., of the court yard is given at \$400, mostly paid by rent of court room for various purposes, and not by tax. ■

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