

The annual Township Meeting of the township of Bates was held at school house no 1 in said township on Monday the 4th day of April A. D. 1898. after the Electors were assembled they proceeded to elect three Election Inspectors two Clerks and one Gate Keeper. It was moved by Adolf Forsberg supported by August Evans to appoint Olof Anderson, John Soderqvist and John E. Groenland as Election Inspectors John Alt and Henry Hunt as Clerks of Election, and Gustaf Erickson as Gate Keeper with motion was duly carried by all the Electors present the Election board then consisted of the following named members Olof Anderson Chairman John Soderqvist and John Groenland as Inspectors John Alt as Clerk and Henry Hunt as Assistant Clerk and Gustaf Erickson as Gate Keeper after the afore named Officers had taken the Constitutional Oath of Office the polls were opened and remained open untill 12 o'clock noon when the polls were adjourned for one hour after having sealed the ballot boxes as required by law the Keys were delivered to John Groenland and the seal to Olof Anderson during the hour between 12 and one o'clock the Clerks read the reports and financial standing of the various funds of the Township also the Receipts and Expenditures of the various funds after this the Electors proceeded to vote on the money they thought necessary to defray the expences of the different funds of the Township to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of Bates Township. It was moved by Charles Otto seconded by August Evans to raise by taxation on the taxable property of Bates Township the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) to defray the expences of the Contingent fund with motion was duly carried by all the electors present. It was further moved by Olof Anderson supported by Charley Olson to raise by taxation on the taxable property of Bates Township 50^{cts} fifty cents on each one hundred dollar valuation to defray the expences of the highway fund with motion was

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Duly carried by all the Electors present. It was moved by Charles Otto seconded by Charley Olson to raise by taxation on the taxable property of Bates township the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.) to defray the expenses of the Poor fund which motion was duly carried. It was moved by Olof Helgemo seconded by Frank Erickson to raise by taxation on the taxable property of Bates Township the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2000⁰⁰) to defray the Expenses of the school fund which motion was duly carried by all the Electors present after this the polls were again opened and remained open untill 5 o'clock when the polls were closed the ballot boxes were opened and the ballots were counted by the Inspectors and the result was declared by John Alt Clerk of said election to the electors then assembled after which the statement was made out by the inspectors the result being as follows

State of Michigan } s. d.
County of Iron }

We do hereby Certify that we counted and added the number of Persons having voted as entered upon and shown by the Poll List and that the total number of such persons is Ninety three (93)

We do also hereby certify that the above mentioned Poll list has been carefully compared by us with the duplicate Poll list kept as required by Law and that all mistakes found in such Poll Lists have been duly corrected by us and that both of said Poll lists are now correct and agree with each other

Olof Anderson
John Soderqvist
John Greenland
John Alt

Inspectors of Election
of the Township of Bates

Dated at Bates Township Michigan
this fourth day of April A.D. 1898

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The whole number of votes given for and against the proposition submitted to the people relative to raising a money tax for highways was Eighty-five (85)

of which Sixty-two votes contained the word "Yes" and were given for said proposition and Twenty-two (22) votes contained the word "No" and were given against said proposition Total Eighty-five (85)

The whole number of votes given for the Office of Supervisor was (91) ninety one

and they were given for the following named persons

Adolph Toosberg	Fifty two	(52)	
Olof Helgemo	Thirty nine	(39)	Total 91

The whole number of votes given for the Office of Township Clerk was Eighty eight (88)

and they were given for the following persons

Charles A. Otto	Forty seven	(47)	
Israel Carlson	Forty one	(41)	Total Eighty eight (88)

The whole number of votes given for the office of Township Treasurer was Eighty-eight (88)

and they were given for the following persons

Charles Olson	Sixty-three	(63)	
Frank Erickson	Twenty-five	(25)	Total Eighty eight (88)

The whole number of votes given for the Office of School Inspector was Eighty seven (87)

and they were given for the following named persons

Emil Carlson	Forty-nine	(49)	
Carl J. Gustafson	Thirty eight	(38)	Total Eighty seven (87)

The whole number of votes given for the office of Commissioner of Highways was Eighty-nine (89)

and they were given for the following persons.

Adolph Gustafson	Forty six	(46)	
Andrew Erickson	Forty three	(43)	Total Eighty-nine (89)

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The whole number of votes given for the office of Overseer of Highways was Eighty seven (87) and the were given for the following persons

Ole Hembrickson	Sixty-five	(65)
Alex Laclair	Twenty-two	(22)
Total Eighty-seven		(87)

The whole number of votes given for the Office of Member of Board of Education was Eighty-five (85) and they were given for the following persons

P. W. Nordin	Fifty-six	(56)
Crick Berg	Twenty-nine	(29)
Total Eighty-five		(85)

The whole number of votes given for the office of Justice of the Peace was Eighty-seven (87) and they were given for the following persons

Victor Benson	Fifty	(50)
August Kraus	Thirty-seven	(37)
Total Eighty-seven		(87)

The whole number of votes given for the Office of Member of Board of Review was Eighty-two (82)

The whole number of votes given for and against the proposition submitted to the people relative to a money tax for highways was Eighty five (85) of which number Sixty-three (63) votes contained the word "yes" and were given for the proposition and Twenty three two votes contained the word "No" and were given against the said proposition

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The whole number of votes given for the office of County
road Commissioner was ninety-two (92)
and they were given for the following persons

William Mc Carthy	Seventeen	(17)
Lovinas. Hall	Seventy five	(75)
Total	Ninty-two	(92)

Certificate of Election

We the undersigned do hereby certify that the following
persons mentioned below were duly elected and
declared Township Officers of the Township of Bates
County of Iron State of Michigan for the several terms
prescribed by law, to wit;

Supervisor. Adolf Forsberg
Township Clerk. Chas. A. Otto
Township Treasurer. Charles Olson
School Inspector. Emil Carlson
Commissioner of highways. Adolph Gustafson
Overseer of highways. Ole Hendrickson
Justice of the Peace. Victor Benson
Member of Board of Education. P. W. Nordin
Member of Board of Review. Ole Benson
Constables Gustaf Erickson and Emil Soderqvist
Given under our hands this Fourth day of April
A. D. 1898

Olef. Anderson
John Soderqvist
John. E. Greenland

Inspectors of Election
of said Township of Bates

