

**Proper location or width of a road.** Sec. 204. Whenever any doubt exists as to the proper location or width of a road, the Road Commissioners of the district, under the direction of the County Commissioners, may cause the same to be surveyed and make such alterations as the public convenience may require, subject as to the rights of any person of the provision contained in this Act, for the opening of new roads.

**Application for opening, etc.** Sec. 205. All applications for opening, altering or closing roads shall be by petition to the County Commissioners.

**Shall publish length and location of said road.** Sec. 206. Whenever any taxable inhabitant or inhabitants of Baltimore County intend to petition the Commissioners for opening, altering or closing any road, he shall give thirty days' notice thereof in one or more of the newspapers published in Baltimore County, setting forth as near as may be the length and location of said road.

**Counter-petitions.** Sec. 207. Counter-petitions may be presented to the County Commissioners at a time within fifteen days after the expiration of the thirty days' notice, provided for in Section two hundred and six, of this Act, and when any counter-petitions are so presented, the County Commissioners shall appoint a day when the petition and counter-petitions shall be heard, and shall consider the same and such other testimony as may come before them, and determine the case as in their opinion shall seem right and proper.

**When expedient to open road, Commissioners may contract for right of way.** Sec. 208. Whenever the County Commissioners shall decide that it is expedient that a road be opened as provided in the preceding section, that they may contract with the owner or owners of the land through which the road is intended to run for the right of way necessary for said road, if he, she or they be competent to contract, and in case the said County Commissioners shall so contract, they shall cause a plat of the said road to be made by the Baltimore County Roads Engineer, and filed and recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, which said plat shall be referred to in and shall be a part of said deed or deeds, and the lands so conveyed shall be and become thenceforth the property of the county in the same manner and to the same extent as other county roads and no further, subject to the public right of way over the same; and it shall be lawful for the said County Commissioners of Baltimore County so to contract for lands for a public wharf drain for county roads or other public use or uses, which said land shall be the property of said county subject to said use or uses; and whenever