

accounts, shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Caroline County; and, if convicted in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding three hundred dollars, and shall make good the loss arising from such neglect of duty or fraud.

212. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in said county to an extent beyond that contemplated by the County Road Engineer, they may make application to the County Commissioners by petition setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement and the probable cost thereof; and the said County Commissioners shall thereupon order the County Road Engineer to examine the location and purpose set forth in the petition; and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interest will be promoted thereby, he shall report his determination to the County Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination, and an estimate of the cost of such improvement; and if the County Commissioners shall approve the report of the said County Road Engineer, they shall direct the expenditure of any amount not to exceed one-half the total of said estimate, to be paid out of the road levy or of other moneys belonging to the county; provided, that the petitioners for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount not less than one-half of said estimate; all of said money to be expended under the direction of the County Road Engineer.

To petition for public road improvement.

Under whom money is to be expended.

213. It shall not be lawful for the County Commissioners to open any new public road in Caroline County until they shall have such proposed road surveyed and platted by the County Road Engineer and an estimate in writing made by him of the cost of building such proposed road, including necessary bridges on the same, and any such new public roads which the County Commissioners may hereafter decide to open shall be built under control and direction of the County Road Engineer, and shall not be accepted and paid for by the County Commissioners until the County Road Engineer has certified to said Commissioners that the said road has been built according to the contract and specifications signed by the contractor if such road is built by contract.

New public roads.

213A. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of Caroline County, whenever the office of County Road Engineer shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint within sixty days from the date of

Vacancies.