

of land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of the Road Supervisors of the district. Whenever any taxpayer of the county shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the Highways Commission or Road Supervisor of the district shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the Highways Commission or Road Supervisor of the district, and that its quality is approved by the Road Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the Highways Commission for the repair or construction of roads or bridges, or for materials to be used on the road shall be reduced to writing, and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Road Engineer of the work done or material furnished under such contract. Whenever any work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred dollars or more plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the Road Engineer, and bids for work, invited by reasonable publication in such papers as the commission may designate, but it shall not be obligatory upon the commission to have such work done by contract if it be found, after receiving bids therefor, that the same can be done more cheaply by direct employment of required labor. All material and supplies to be used on the roads and bridges involving a cost of more than two hundred and fifty dollars shall be contracted for after requesting bids for the same by reasonable publication in the county papers as the commission may designate; all such material and supplies to be subject to the approval of the Road Engineer. Said commission shall demand and have of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County all stone crushers, rollers, scrapers and material and appliances now in possession of the latter for use in connection with said roads and may, in its discretion, purchase additional thereto. The Highways Commission of Baltimore County shall and may adopt all necessary and reasonable rules, regulations and orders with reference to the proper care, repair, improvement, construction and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, and shall have power to make all such rules and regulations with reference to the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the county by telephone and telegraph companies of the county, steam railroads and street railway companies, gas, water and electric light companies and similar uses thereof as said com-

Contracts reduced to writing.

Stone crushers, rollers, etc.