

be the duty of the commission to appoint three examiners, one to be selected by the petitioners, one to be a member of the Commission, and the other to be the Roads Engineer of the county, to examine into and report upon the need for such improvement and the cost thereof, and if the Commission shall determine after such report thereon that such improvement should be made, it shall determine the amount to be appropriated from the road moneys of the county or district for such improvement, and what portion of the cost shall be paid by the petitioners and others interested in the work, such proportion not to be less than fifteen per cent. or more than fifty per cent. of such cost, and shall have the power to determine what individuals are to be damaged and what individuals are to be benefited thereby, and the amount of such individual damage and benefit, and to allow and assess the same; provided, the amount of individual damage and individual benefit shall not be finally fixed until notice shall be given to the person to be affected and to have the opportunity to be heard, such person to have the right to appeal from the final decision of the Commission to the Circuit Court for the county. When all the assessments for benefits made by the Commission shall have been paid into the county treasury, and not until then, the improvement petitioned for and determined upon shall be made.

Assessments  
for benefits.

199. Whenever any owner of property in Baltimore County shall have opened, laid out or graded any avenue or road for the public convenience, and is willing to dedicate the same to public uses by a good and sufficient deed duly recorded, the Highways Commission is authorized to accept the same, if, in its opinion, the same be necessary and convenient for public use; and upon such acceptance, which shall be endorsed upon and recorded with the deed, said avenue or road shall be kept in good order and repair as other county roads; provided, however, that previous to such acceptance said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width and duly and properly graded in the judgment of the Highways Commission; and provided, further, that a plat of the road so dedicated shall be furnished with and made a part of said deed and recorded therewith, and a duplicate plat shall be furnished for preservation among the records of the Highways Commission.

Dedicating pri-  
vate road  
for public  
uses.

200. Whenever any road shall have been in use by the public for twenty years, though the same may never have been condemned or granted as a public highway, the Highways Commission, if it deems public necessity requires the adoption of the same as such, shall declare the said road to be a public

Declaring an  
old road a  
public high-  
way.