

shall on the day fixed in such notice hear such objections, or in its discretion withhold its decision until it has had an opportunity to investigate the matter or until a final hearing of the matter after the report of examiners appointed as hereinafter provided, if it shall decide that it is expedient to appoint such examiners. If the petition be for the opening, altering or relocating of a road and there be no objection to the granting of the same, or if there be such objection and the Commission decide that it is expedient that such petition shall be granted, and no appeal be taken from such decision as hereinafter provided, or if such appeal be taken and dismissed, said Commission shall have the power to 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 Commission shall so contract, it shall cause a plat of the said road to be made by the County Surveyor under the direction of the 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 shall be kept in repair as such; and at the same time said Commission shall cause a duplicate description and plat to be prepared and recorded or filed among its records. And if the petition be for the closing of a road or portion thereof or for the relocation or alteration of a road which will result in a closing of a portion of the same as formerly existing, and no objection be made thereto after notice by advertisement as aforesaid, or if objection be made and overruled as aforesaid and no appeal be taken as hereinafter provided, or if such an appeal be taken and dismissed, the action of said Commission in directing said road or portion thereof to be closed shall be final and forever preclude all persons affected thereby from claiming compensation or suing the Commission therefor. If on any such petition for opening, altering, relocating or closing any road as aforesaid, the Commission shall determine that it is expedient that examiners shall be appointed for the purpose of viewing the grounds and assessing the benefits and damages arising therefrom, it shall be the duty of the Commission first to determine the amount of money to be deposited to cover the cost of such examination, including advertising, per diem of examiners, which shall be two dollars and fifty cents per day for each examiner, except the Roads Engineer, who shall serve as such without further

Power to contract with owners of land.

Action of Commission to be final.