

Appointment  
of examiners.

compensation, surveys and platting and all other expenses and to require that the same be deposited with the Treasurer of the county before further steps are taken. Upon such deposit being made the Commission shall appoint three examiners, one of whom shall be the Roads Engineer, one a resident of the district in which the proposed road is located, and who does not own property on the line of the same and is not directly affected thereby or interested therein except as a resident of such district, and the third a disinterested freeholder of the county, to go upon the grounds, examine into the public need for the opening, altering or closing of the road as aforesaid, determine the probable cost thereof and the names of the property owners who will be benefited or damaged thereby, and the amount to which each will be so benefited or damaged, and the amount which the district fund should contribute; provided, that the total net assessments for benefits imposed upon the petitioners for such road shall in no event be less than twenty-five per cent. of the whole cost thereof, including the cost of the proceedings. The examiners so appointed, before they proceed to act as such, shall take an oath to execute the trust reposed in them faithfully and without favor, affection or partiality, which oath shall be endorsed on the order of appointment and returned therewith. Said examiners, or a majority of them, shall give notice of the time and place of meeting by personal notice to the petitioners and by publishing a notice of the same once a week for two successive weeks in some newspaper or newspapers published in Baltimore County, and by causing a copy of the same to be delivered to every owner through or along whose property the proposed road passes when the petition involves the closing of a road, or through or along whose property the proposed road will pass. When the petition involves the opening or change of a road, to be publicly posted on said property in case the owner cannot be found, at least five days before the day of meeting. And in case the owner be an infant or *non compos mentis*, then a copy of said notice shall be left with the parent or guardian of said infant, or with the committee or person having charge of the person alleged to be *non compos mentis*. At the time appointed the examiners, or a majority of them, shall meet on the premises and proceed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires that the road should be opened, altered, relocated or closed, as the case may be; and said examiners shall have power to adjourn and meet again from time to time as their duties in the premises may require. If the application be for opening, altering or relocating a road, and if the said examiners shall determine that

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