

Commissioners, after giving at least two weeks' notice in some newspaper printed in Calvert county, and by hand-bills posted throughout the county, for at least two weeks, shall offer at some central place in each election district in said county, at auction to the lowest bidder, the contract for keeping in repair for two years from that date the said section of the public roads, and shall award to the lowest responsible bidder the said contracts; provided, however, that said road commissioners, or either of them appointed under this act, shall not become a bidder, (for said contracts,) under this section of the act; and, provided further, that, before said contracts are awarded, the contractor or contractors shall be required to give bond to the State of Maryland for double the amount of said contract or contracts, with such security as the said Board of County Road Commissioners shall direct; and the said bond may be put in suit for the benefit of any person or persons suffering by reason of the failure of said contractor to comply with their contracts, in keeping in repair the section or sections of the public roads awarded to them; and in case any of said contractors shall die during the two years, the County Commissioners shall have power to provide for the repairs of the section of said contractors in such manner as they may deem best.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, No contractor, supervisor or laborer shall be paid any thing for his work on the roads, unless he obtains a certificate from the Board of Road Commissioners, with the affidavit of a road commissioner attached thereto, certifying that the work for which he is to be paid has been faithfully done, and that the holder is entitled to the amount of money which he claims; and said Board of County Road Commissioners shall, before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such, make oath or affirmation before a justice of the peace for said county that they will issue no such certificate, unless they believe the same to be just and proper, and have personally examined the said work for which the same is issued, which oath or affirmation shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners for Calvert county; and any road commissioner issuing any such certificate without having personally inspected the work, shall be deemed guilty of a

Offer at auction.

Give Bond.

Not to be paid without certificate.

Make oath or affirmation.