

County shall be recorded in books kept for the purpose, or be bound in book form, and shall always be open to the inspection of the public; the original copies of all reports to said commissioners and other papers not recorded shall be preserved in the office. Copies of such contracts, agreements, grants and licenses recorded as aforesaid, and of the records of the proceedings of the commissioners, when duly certified by the clerk of said commissioners, shall be accepted as evidence in all the courts of this State.

Ibid. sec. 177G.

455. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County shall by and with the advice and assistance of the Montgomery County Road Superintendent, adopt such system or systems for the care and repair of the public highways, roads and bridges, streets and alleys of the county as may be found most suitable for the several sections of the county or the special roads thereof. The county commissioners shall have prepared an official road map of the county, which may be in sections of one or more election districts upon which shall be designated all county roads, which map shall be prepared within such reasonable time as the moneys at the command of said commissioners will permit; whenever a new road shall be opened or accepted, or an old road altered or closed, its location, or the fact that it has been altered or closed, shall be properly designated on said map. Said county commissioners may, in their discretion, have finger-boards or sign-posts placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point, and may give suitable names to county roads, and change the same as they may see fit. They may cause monuments erected or to be erected on the boundaries of highways, to be kept up and renewed, so that the extent of such highway boundaries may be publicly known, and erect and establish new monuments as may, in their judgment, be required.

1910, ch. 177H.

456. All matters pertaining to and affecting the public highways, roads, bridges, avenues, streets and alleys of the county shall be under the general control and supervision of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, who are hereby given power to enter into and make any and all contracts for material, machinery, implements and equipment for such public highways, and to employ or direct the employment of so many and such agents, superintendents, foreman, inspectors, assistants, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper construction, care, improvement and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof.