

Said County Commissioners shall have full power to determine how the roads of the county and any special road or roads thereof may be worked, repaired, improved or maintained, and to regulate the wages that shall be paid employees engaged in such work, and the prices to be paid for material to be used on the same, and to provide for such clerical or other assistance as may be required by them or the Montgomery County Road Superintendent for the efficient performance of their several duties. Said County Commissioners shall have the power to have work done by direct employment of labor or to let out the construction, repairs, maintenance or improvement of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in their judgment, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given where practicable to persons directly interested in the proper care or improvement of such road or roads. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges, or for materials to be used therein or thereon, shall be reduced to writing and filed for record with the clerk to said County Commissioners. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred (\$500) dollars or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by or under the direction of said road superintendent, who shall recommend to the board the manner in which the work shall be done, and if by contract, bids for the work shall be invited by reasonable publication; such bids when publicly opened and read shall be referred to the said road superintendent for analysis and report and no adverse action on the recommendations of the road superintendent shall be taken except by a majority vote of the full Board of County Commissioners. All material and supplies, machinery and equipment to be used on the roads and bridges involving a cost of more than two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) shall be contracted for after requesting bids for the same by reasonable publication in the county papers as the said commissioners may designate. All said material and supplies, machinery and equipment shall be subject to the approval of the county road superintendent. Said County Commissioners shall purchase all stone-crushers, rollers, scrapers and road material, equipment and appliances for use in connection with such roads, after referring the same to the said road superintendent and receiving his recommendation thereon. Said County Commissioners shall and may adopt all necessary and reasonable rules, regulations and orders with reference to the proper use, care, repair, improvement, construction and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, and shall have power to make all such rules and