

any macadam or other permanently improved road in the county shall be presented to the Road Superintendent for his inspection, examination and endorsement before being presented to the said County Commissioners for approval; and it shall be unlawful for the said Board of County Commissioners to approve or for the County Treasurer to pay such bills until said Road Superintendent shall have approved the same in writing or shall have made a written statement of his reasons for not approving the same, after which such bill shall be disposed of in the discretion of said Board of County Commissioners; provided, that the minutes of said board shall show the reasons for ordering payment in cases where the said Road Superintendent has declined to approve such bills; neither the Road Superintendent for Montgomery County nor any assistant under him shall have pecuniary interest in any such contracts, and the Road Superintendent for Montgomery County shall annually on or before the first day of February in each year make a written report to the said County Commissioners, covering the following points: An inventory of the road machinery, tools and equipment of the county, the condition of the roads of the county and improvements that have been made in each district in the twelve months ending December 31 of the previous year; the amount and kind of material used in each road, with a detailed statement of its cost, and the amount and cost of labor on each road; and shall further make a statement of the plans which he has submitted for bridge and road improvement in each district. The report shall contain a concise statement of the amount of money expended in each district for all road work, making proper allowance where a road divides two districts, which concise statement shall be published by the said County Commissioners in two county papers twice during the month of February in each year. The said Board of County Commissioners shall not enter upon the construction or improvement of any bridge or culvert, stone or other permanently improved road or their maintenance, nor shall said board purchase any machinery or equipment, road material or supplies, nor shall said board locate any new road or relocate any old road until after having first referred the matter of such construction, improvement, purchase, location or relocation to the said Road Superintendent and received from him a written report and recommendation thereon, a copy of which shall have endorsed thereon the action of said board and the reasons therefor, if such action of said board does not conform to the recommendations of said Road Superintendent; and such reports and