

which the Engineer and the parties making complaint shall be entitled to be represented by counsel and to produce any competent testimony, shall find that said County Road Engineer is immoral, incompetent or has been guilty of wilful neglect of duty, it shall be their duty to immediately remove said County Road Engineer from office; but either party to such hearing shall be entitled to an appeal from the decision of said County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for Wicomico County; provided, that such appeal is taken within five days thereafter; and when such appeal shall be made in writing, it shall be the duty of the clerk to the County Commissioners to at once file all papers, with the ruling of the County Commissioners, with the clerk to the Circuit Court for said county, and the clerk to the Circuit Court shall place said appeal on the Appeal Docket of said Court, which appeal shall be heard *de novo* without the intervention of a jury in recess or term time; and the Court shall fix a date for hearing of said appeal, of which date the appellant and appellee shall have at least five days' notice, and the clerk shall issue subpoenas for witnesses, and the Court may affirm or overrule the action of the County Commissioners as to removing or not removing said Engineer and may award costs. But if the order of the County Commissioners removing such Engineer, shall be affirmed, then in such case the said Engineer shall not be entitled to receive any salary from the date of the order of the County Commissioners from which such appeal is taken. Pending an appeal where such Engineer has been removed the County Commissioners may employ another engineer with the same duties as by this article provided for the Road Engineer.

117. The County Road Engineer shall reside in Wicomico county during the term of his office, and shall have entire charge, control and supervision of the working, repairing and reconstructing of the public roads, bridges and drains in Wicomico county, and shall make all specifications for the building of new roads, roads and bridges.

He shall employ such help, teams and implements as he may deem necessary for the working, repairing and reconstructing of said roads, bridges and drains, to be paid by the County Commissioners. He shall have charge and control of all teams, carts, wagons and other machinery and implements which may be purchased by the County Commissioners for the use of said roads. He shall not work out or expend on the roads, bridges and drains of said county a greater amount in any one fiscal year than the amount levied by the County Commissioners for the purpose, without obtaining the permission in writing of said