

in giving the bond required of him by law, shall furnish a bond executed by a surety company, authorized by the laws of the State of Maryland to execute such bonds, and such bonds shall be approved, then in each and every such case the county may pay the premium for such bond, not in any instance to exceed one-half of one per cent. per annum of the penalty of the bond so executed and approved; upon the execution and approval of any such bond the county commissioners may direct the payment of such premium on such bond from the general fund of the county in the same manner as is prescribed for the payment of general county debts; provided, however, that when any such bond is given by a clerk of court, register of wills, state's attorney or sheriff, the payment of the premium on said bond shall be charged as an expense of any such officer.

Bridges.

1904, art. 25, sec. 19. 1888, art. 25, sec. 19. 1860, ch. 28, sec. 47. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 2. 1906, ch. 249.

20. All applications for building and repairing bridges shall be made by petition to the county commissioners.

Mandamus will not lie to compel county commissioners to repair a bridge, since this section gives a right of petition, and from the action of the commissioners thereon, an appeal may be taken to the circuit court—see section 33. *Bembe v. Anne Arundel County*, 94 Md. 330; *Anne Arundel County v. Baltimore Sugar, etc., Co.*, 99 Md. 488.

This section was repealed as to Prince George's county by the act of 1900, ch. 346. *Blundon v. Croster*, 93 Md. 359. (See also, act 1910, ch. 90.)

For a discussion of sections 20 to 35, see *Bembe v. Anne Arundel County*, 94 Md. 331.

Cited in connection with the local act of 1865, ch. 14, the latter being held unconstitutional. *Somerset County v. Pocomoke Bridge Co.*, 109 Md. 5.

Cited but not construed in *Miles v. Stevenson*, 80 Md. 367.

As to bridge companies, see art. 23, sec. 125, *et seq.*

Ibid. sec. 20. 1888, art. 25, sec. 20. 1860, art. 28, sec. 48. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 2. 1906, ch. 249.

21. When any person intends to apply for building or repairing any bridge, he shall give notice in the same manner and for the same length of time prescribed for applications for opening roads; and the county commissioners, when they have heard the reasons and evidences for and against the application, shall determine the case as in their judgment will best promote the public convenience.

This section was repealed as to Prince George's county by the act of 1900, ch. 346. *Blundon v. Croster*, 93 Md. 359. (See also, act 1910, ch. 90.)

See notes to sec. 20.

Ibid. sec. 21. 1888, art. 25, sec. 21. 1860, art. 28, sec. 49. 1856, ch. 308, sec. 3. 1906, ch. 249.

22. Whenever the county commissioners shall have determined to build or repair a bridge, they shall, at their usual time for levying taxes, levy on the assessable property of the county a sum sufficient to pay for the bridge and its embankment and abutments.

This section was repealed as to Prince George's county by the act of 1900, ch. 346. *Blundon v. Croster*, 93 Md. 359. (See also, act 1910, ch. 90.)

See sec. 7 and sec. 20 and notes.