

Engineer. Whenever any taxpayer of the county shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the County Commissioners shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the County Commissioners, and that its quality is approved by the Roads Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges shall be reduced to writing and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Roads Engineer of the work done under the contract. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred dollars or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the Roads Engineer and bids for work invited by reasonable publication in such papers as the Commissioners may designate; but it shall not be obligatory upon the said Commissioners to have such work done by contract if it be found after receiving bids therefor that the same can be done more cheaply by direct employment of required labor.

1929, ch. 487, sec. 451B.

444. The County Commissioners of Harford County shall and may adopt all necessary and reasonable rules, regulations and orders with reference to the proper care, repair, improvements, construction and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, and shall have power to make all such rules and regulations with reference to the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the county by telephone and telegraph companies, steam railroad and street railway companies, gas, water and electric light companies, and similar uses thereof, and by individuals and the traveling public, as said Commissioners may consider necessary for the proper protection of said roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the County and the rights of the public therein, and impose reasonable penalties for a violation of such rules and regulations and make other necessary provisions for the enforcement thereof, and shall have the right from time to time to change or alter the same; and all such rules and regulations, when adopted and recorded in a book or books kept for the purpose, shall have the force and effect of municipal ordinances regularly adopted by authority of the Legislature of the State of Maryland. The magistrates and constables of the county shall be charged with the duty of enforcing all such rules and regulations; and, in addition to other methods of enforcing all such rules and regulations said County Commissioners shall have the right to apply to the courts of equity of the State for an injunction to enforce compliance therewith, in which case it shall not be necessary to make other jurisdictional averment than the threatened breach of such rules or regulations, and said courts shall have jurisdiction to grant such injunction on such allegations being made. A certified copy of any of such rules and regulations shall be deemed proper evidence of the same in any of the courts of this State.