

county commissioners shall have power, in their discretion, upon the petition of thirty or more land owners within any road district, to levy upon the assessable property within such road district, an additional special tax of not more than ten cents in the hundred dollars, to be collected as other county taxes, and to be expended under the direction of the county commissioners in the improvement of the roads within said district.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 14, sec. 111. 1870, ch. 142.

250. Any supervisor may be sued before any justice of the peace in an action of debt, in the name of the county commissioners, for any dereliction of duty under this subtitle of this article, the amount to be recovered not to exceed in any case the sum of one hundred dollars, according to the aggravation of the case, either party having the right of appeal to the circuit court, as in other cases of small debts; and all sums so recovered shall be applied in aid of the road fund of the district where such supervisor acts; or he shall be liable to indictment in the circuit court for said county, and may be fined at the discretion of the court, and the fines imposed shall likewise be applied to the road fund of his said district.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 14, sec. 112. 1870, ch. 142.

251. The several supervisors shall have power, with the assent of the county commissioners, to contract with the proprietor of any lands adjacent to any public road, for the keeping of said road, or any designated part thereof, in repair for the term of one year; and said contractor shall, during the time covered by his contract, be liable to be proceeded against for any dereliction of duty in respect to repairing said roads, in the same manner as is above provided in respect to supervisors, in addition to his common law liability for breach of his contract.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 14, sec. 113. 1870, ch. 142.

252. If any person shall encroach upon any public road by fences or other obstructions, or shall purposely destroy or injure any bridge or culvert, or destroy or injure any guide post or guide boards, or dig any ditch or drain across any road, and not keep such ditch or drain secure and well covered and in good repair for the passage of all vehicles over the same, to the full width of said road; or if any person shall drain any water into or upon any public road, each and every such person for every such offence, and for each and every day any such ditch or drain shall be suffered to remain out of repair and injurious to such road, shall be liable to be sued in an action of debt, before a justice of the peace, in the name of the county commissioners, in which said action the amount recoverable shall not be less than five nor more than fifty dollars; either party shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court, as in other cases of small debts, and the sums recovered in any such action shall be applied in the same manner as hereinbefore provided.