special roads thereof. The county commissioners shall have prepared an official road map of the county, which may be in sections of one or more election districts upon which shall be designated all county roads, which map shall be prepared within such reasonable time as the moneys at the command of said commissioners will permit; whenever a new road shall be opened or accepted, or an old road altered or closed, its location, or the fact that it has been altered or closed, shall be properly designated on said map. Said county commissioners may, in their discretion, have fingerboards or sign-posts placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point, and may give suitable names to county roads, and change the same as they may see fit. They may cause monuments erected or to be erected on the boundaries of highways, to be kept up and renewed, so that the extent of such highway boundaries may be publicly known, and erect and establish new monuments as may, in their judgment, be required.

1910, ch. 484, sec. 177H. 1912, ch. 109, sec. 177H. 1912, ch. 790, sec. 456 1918, ch. 229, sec. 177H.

All matters pertaining to and affecting the public highways, roads, bridges, avenues, streets and alleys of the county shall be under the control and supervision of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, who are hereby given power to enter into and make any and all contracts for material, machinery, implements and equipment for such public highways, and to employ or direct the employment of so many and such agents, superintendents, foremen, inspectors, assistants, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper construction, care, improvement and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof. Said County Commissioners shall have full power to determine how the roads of the county and any special road or roads thereof may be worked, repaired, improved or maintained, and to regulate the wages that shall be paid employees engaged in such work, and the prices to be pair for material to be used on the same, and to provide for such clerical or other assistance as may be required by them or the Montgomery County Road Superintendent, with their authority and approval first had and obtained, for the efficient performance of their several duties. Said County Commissioners shall have the power to have work done by direct employment of labor or to let the construction, repairs, maintenance or improvement of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in their judgment, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given where practicable to persons directly interested in the proper care or improvement of such road or roads. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges, or for materials to be used therein or thereon, shall be reduced to writing and filed for record with the Clerk of said County Commissioners. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by or under the direction of said road superintendent