

Counties are hereby authorized and empowered to acquire by inquisition, purchase or otherwise, all the lands and material necessary for the construction of the said bridge and its abutments; and the said bridge when built, shall be maintained and kept in proper repair by said counties as a free bridge for the convenience of public travel.

1896, ch. 213, sec. 2.

**31.** The said bridge and abutments shall be built in the most secure and substantial manner and shall not be less than twenty feet wide, with railing on each side thereof, not less than four feet high, and there shall be a draw in said bridge of at least sixty feet in width, so as to afford a convenient passage for boats up and down the river.

1896, ch. 213, sec. 3.

**32.** The County Commissioners of Caroline and Talbot Counties shall annually, at their first meeting in May in each year, appoint one person for each county, who shall be a land holder and a resident of the respective election district in each county in which said bridge may be located. The said two persons so chosen shall elect a third person as president, who shall be a resident and a land holder of one of the election districts in which said bridge may be located, and the said persons so chosen, shall act as a board to superintend and manage the affairs of said bridge, under such rules and regulations as the said board so constituted may prescribe, and which shall have full and ample power for the superintendance and management of said bridge, but who shall serve without any compensation for their services.

1896, ch. 213, sec. 4.

**33.** The County Commissioners of Caroline and Talbot Counties are hereby authorized and empowered to levy on the assessable property of Caroline and Talbot Counties, such sum of money as may be necessary to carry out and secure the provisions of this Act, the expenses thereof to be paid and borne one-half by Caroline County, and the remaining one-half by Talbot County, to be levied at their regular annual levy.

1896, ch. 213, sec. 5.

**34.** The cost of maintaining the said bridge, and keeping it in safe repair and condition for public travel, shall be paid in the same ratio as in the preceding section, viz., one-half by Caroline County and by Talbot County; and the County Commissioners of the aforesaid counties are hereby authorized and empowered to levy upon the assessable property of their respective counties such sum of money as may be necessary from time to time to defray said cost in the proportion aforesaid.

1896, ch. 213, sec. 6.

**35.** None of the provisions of this act shall become operative until the same shall have received the sanction of the Boards of County Commissioners of the counties aforesaid.