

said report he shall be allowed the service of a stenographer and typewriter to be paid by the County Commissioners a sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars for said services. The said County Road Engineer shall not be interested in any firm or corporation from which anything shall be purchased for the use of said roads or bridges, nor receive any commission on said purchase, by gift or otherwise.

1912, ch. 638, sec. 171E.

**412.** The Road Engineer shall give bond in the penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) with such security as the County Commissioners may approve, for the use, safekeeping and due return of all property which may be in his charge in the course of his duties.

1912, ch. 638, sec. 171F.

**413.** If the said engineer shall fail to keep the accounts or make the reports as herein set forth, or shall wilfully make false reports and accounts, he shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Talbot county; and, if convicted, in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum in the discretion of the Court not exceeding three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

1912, ch. 638, sec. 171G.

**414.** Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in said county to an extent beyond that contemplated by the County Road Engineer; they may make application to the County Commissioners by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement and the probable cost thereof; and the said County Commissioners shall thereupon order the County Road Engineer to examine the location and purpose set forth in the petition, and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interest will be promoted thereby he shall report his determination to the County Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination, and an estimate of the costs of such improvement, and if the County Commissioners shall approve the report of the said County Road Engineer, they shall direct the expenditure of any amount not to exceed one-half the total of said estimate, to be paid out of the road levy or of other moneys belonging to the county; provided, that the petitioner for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount not less than one-half of said estimate; and all of said money shall be expended in such improvement under the direction of the County Road Engineer in the manner in this act provided for regular road repair and construction.

1912, ch. 638, sec. 171H.

**415.** It shall not be lawful for the County Commissioners to open any new public road in Talbot county until they shall have such proposed road