

week by the President and the Clerk of the said Board of County Commissioners. They shall also keep books showing in detail the expenditures of moneys from the General Road and Bridge Fund and from the fund of each election District of the County on account of the roads and bridges thereof and by which books the condition of the General Road and Bridge Fund and the several district funds may be readily seen at any time, all of which said books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the County. Whenever the amount of money levied and collected in any fiscal year, from any District, shall be less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) the County Commissioners may, at their discretion, keep the account for such District in the same account with the account of any adjoining or other District. They shall annually compile statistics relating to the public roads of Washington County and cause the same to be printed or published in one or more of the County newspapers. All maps, plans and statistics collected and compiled under their directions shall be preserved in their office and all contracts, agreements, grants and licenses made or entered into by the County Commissioners shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public; the original copies of all reports to the County Commissioners and other papers not recorded shall be preserved in the office. Copies of such contracts, agreements, grants and licenses recorded as aforesaid and of the records of the proceedings of the said County Commissioners, when duly certified by the Clerk and the President of the said County Commissioners shall be accepted as evidence in all Courts of this State. Said County Commissioners shall make all necessary rules and regulations, which shall have the force and effect as laws, governing the time and method of paying for labor engaged on the county roads, the making of the payroll by the Road Engineer, the books of accounts to be kept by him and the said County Commissioners may by their said rules and regulations require any person employed by the said Road Engineer to give bond conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties in such penalty as may be prescribed therein, and the further power to alter, repeal, modify and change said rules and regulations as they may see fit. All books and accounts in the office of the Road Engineer and in the office of the County Commissioners shall be open to inspection by any taxpayer of the County. All office expenses, costs of books, necessary filing devices and stationery shall be paid out of the General Road and Bridge Fund as hereinafter provided.

1912, ch. 617, sec. 342C. 1924, ch. 75, sec. 342C.

**714.** The County Commissioners of Washington County may, at their discretion, have sign posts placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point and may give suitable names to the County roads and change the same as they may see fit. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners to foster public interest in the public roads, and, to this end encourage the formation of road improvement associations and to hold not less than four public meetings in