

or action or costs adjudged against them shall be satisfied and paid in due course out of the proper funds for such purpose.

1904, ch. 465. B. Co. C. (1908), sec. 339. 1914, ch. 465. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 463. 1920, ch. 4. 1927, ch. 184. B. Co. C. (1928), sec. 579.

579. Said Commissioners shall have prepared by the County Surveyor an official road map of the county, upon which shall be designated all county roads and the distance between intersections of roads or prominent thereon; 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 Commissioners may, at their discretion, have finger-boards or 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.

Said County Commissioners shall have the power to let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in the judgment of said Road Engineer, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given, where practicable, to the owners of land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of said Roads Engineer. Whenever any taxpayer of the county shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the County Commissioners shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the County Commissioners, and that its quality is approved by the Roads Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges shall be reduced to writing and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Roads Engineer of the work done under the contract. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred dollars or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the Roads Engineer and bids for work invited by reasonable publication in such papers as the Commissioners may designate; but it shall not be obligatory upon the said Commissioners to have such work done by contract if it be found after receiving bids therefor that the same can be done more cheaply by direct employment of required labor. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall and may adopt all necessary and reasonable rules, regulations and orders with reference to the proper care, repair, improvements, construction and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, and shall have power to make all such rules and regulations with reference to the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, and bridges of the county by telephone and telegraph companies, steam railroad and street railway companies, gas, water and electric light companies, and similar uses thereof, and by individuals and the traveling public, as said Commissioners may consider necessary for the proper protection of said roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and