

other money receivable by Baltimore County for road and bridge purposes including all money payable to Baltimore County by the State of Maryland for automobile licenses and all fines and forfeitures payable to Baltimore County and all taxes collected on stocks and bonds not apportioned or assessed to any district and formerly known as the "Unapportioned Fund" shall be and constitute a fund to be known as the General Road and Bridge Fund and may be expended for any lawful road or bridge purpose anywhere in Baltimore County and for no other purpose or purposes whatsoever. Whenever the people of any election district may desire a special road fund for such district in excess of that provided by the general rate of tax levied for, they may petition the said County Commissioners for a special road tax for such district, not to exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars of the assessable property of such district, which petition must represent three-fifths of the taxable basis of such district; and when such petition is presented to the said Commissioners it shall be determined by them whether to grant the same or not, provided notice of such petition shall be given by publication in two weekly newspapers published in Baltimore County and the taxpayers of the district be given an opportunity to be heard; and, if granted, the said Commissioners shall determine what special rate, not greater than twenty cents on the one hundred dollars of property in the district, shall be allowed, and it shall thereupon become the duty of said County Commissioners to levy for and collect such special tax as other taxes, and when collected the same shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the roads and bridges of the election district from which collected. When there shall not be sufficient money in the county treasury set apart as General Road and Bridge Fund to meet the demand for an emergency, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall have the power to borrow money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in one year, on the credit of the county, to be paid out of road money provided by the next succeeding levy. All bills and claims on account of the roads and bridges of the county, before payment, shall receive the endorsement of the Roads Engineer and shall be passed upon by the County Commissioners at a regular or adjourned meeting, and no such bill or claim involving the expenditure of more than one hundred dollars, and no contract or agreement involving a larger expenditure from the road moneys of the county shall be allowed or made except by a majority vote of said County Commissioners. All claims allowed and passed as aforesaid shall be marked "approved" by the president and chief clerk and auditor of said County Commissioners and when so approved an order for the amount of the same shall be drawn on the County Treasurer, who shall pay said amount out of the proper funds.

1904, ch. 465. B. Co. C. (1908), sec. 349. B. Co. C. (1916), sec. 504. 1914, ch. 465. 1920, ch. 4, sec. 474. B. Co. C. (1928), sec. 593.

593. Said Commissioners shall not expend or contract to expend in any one year more money than shall have been provided by the levy or otherwise for road and bridge expenses during such year, and shall incur no debts not payable out of the funds derived from such levy or other