

or a majority of them, shall meet on the premises and proceed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires that the road should be opened, altered, relocated or closed, as the case may be; and said examiners shall have power to adjourn and meet again from time to time as their duties in the premises may require. If the application be for opening, altering or relocating a road and if the said examiners shall determine that the public convenience requires that such road should be opened, altered or relocated they shall proceed to locate the same in such manner as will, in their judgment, best promote the public convenience and shall cause a plat of the same as so located and of the location of the old road, when the application is to alter or relocate a road, to be made out by the county surveyor under the direction of the Roads Engineer, and shall return the same, together with a full report of their proceedings under their hands, to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, with the reasons on which their opinions are founded; said examiners shall have power to change the location of any road petitioned for and to change either of the termini thereof as advertised if they consider that the public convenience would be best promoted by the making of such changes, but shall not make any such change which requires said road to pass through or along the property of any person not originally notified or whose name did not appear in the original advertisement of the notice of intention to file a petition as aforesaid without giving such person at least five days' notice of such intended change and an opportunity to be heard, or unless such person waives such notice. If the application be for the closing of a road or portion of a road and the examiners shall determine that it is expedient that such road be closed, they shall return with their report a description and plat of the road or portion of the road so recommended to be closed. If said examiners decide that it is expedient that such road shall be opened, altered or relocated as aforesaid, they shall make an estimate of the cost of making such road or alteration, including the cost of the proceedings and the amount of the preliminary deposit as aforesaid, and also of the damages, if any, to be paid; and shall assess the cost of said road as aforesaid and damages and benefits caused thereby upon the persons interested and the district, respectively, in such proportions as they shall deem just and proper, including in such assessments and estimate such damages as may be occasioned by any change of or necessity for fencing along the line of said proposed road; and if they shall decide that a road or a portion of a road be closed they shall likewise make an estimate of the damages and assess the benefits occasioned thereby. The examiners shall return such estimate and assessment to the County Commissioners of Baltimore County as a part of their return and the said County Commissioners shall thereupon cause notice to be given to all persons assessed of their respective assessments so returned by the examiners by publication in one or more of the newspapers published in Baltimore County once a week for two successive weeks and of the date on which objections to such return and award will be heard by the said County Commissioners, the date of such hearing to