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166. Appropriations authorized for farmers' co-operative demonstration work in connection with U. S. Department of Agriculture or Md. Agricultural College.

### General Provisions.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 1. 1912, sec. 1. 1904, sec. 1. 1888, sec. 1. 1874, ch. 411. 1906, ch. 249. 1910, ch. 664 (p. 85). 1929, ch. 354.

1. The county commissioners of each county in this State are declared to be a corporation and shall have full power to appoint road supervisors, collectors of taxes, trustees of the poor, a clerk to their board, and all other officers, agents and servants required for county purpose not otherwise provided for by law or by the constitution, and they shall have charge of and control over the property owned by the county, and over county roads and bridges, and whenever in their opinion the public interests require or will be thereby advanced, may commit the whole matter of grading and constructing public roads and the repairs thereof, and the construction and repairs of public bridges to the charge of competent and scientifically educated civil engineers, who shall direct and manage all such public works under the immediate control of said county commissioners, and who shall hold office for such time, with such salary, under such bond and subject to such regulations as may be directed by the said county commissioners from time to time, and calculated to secure competent officers and a faithful discharge of duty.

This section and secs. 2, 4 and 14 referred to in construing art. 89B, sec. 4—see notes thereto. *Huffman v. State Roads Commn.*, 152 Md. 578.

See notes to sec. 162.

#### Authority of county commissioners.

County commissioners have limited authority and persons dealing with them are charged with knowledge of the extent of their powers. Their charters need not specifically designate every act they may do, nor every officer they may appoint. It is the duty of county commissioners to assess unassessed lands for taxation; hence, they may employ a person to make abstracts of title of unassessed lands, and if his report is adopted, or, being received, ought to be adopted, they must pay for it. *Tasker v. Garrett County*, 82 Md. 153.

County commissioners can only perform acts expressly or impliedly permitted by their charter. *Peter v. Prettyman*, 62 Md. 571.

County commissioners have discretion to determine which public roads at any time need repairing, etc., and the amount to be expended. *Blundon v. Crosier*, 93 Md. 358.

County commissioners may provide by an agreement for construction, grading and bridging of a road to the *satisfaction of the roads engineer*. *Riggs v. Winterode*, 100 Md. 444.