

award and report; and the award, if for benefits, shall be considered a tax and lien upon the property assessed, and shall be paid to the county commissioners, or to the treasurer of said county, upon the order of said commissioners, within sixty days from the time the award and report are finally ratified and confirmed as aforesaid; if not then paid, shall be collected as other taxes are collected; provided, thirty days' notice is given to the owner of the property taken for such road, or to him or its agent or attorney, or left upon the premises in case the owner is unknown; and said sum shall be applied for the purpose of paying damages and for the construction of said road; provided, that no work shall be done on any road so ratified and confirmed until all the assessments for the construction of said road shall have been paid. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners to notify the road commissioners of the district in which said road is located that all of the aforesaid assessments have been paid; the commissioners of said district shall then advertise for sealed proposals for the construction of said road according to specifications furnished by the road commissioners, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall give bond to the county commissioners in double the amount of the contract price, for the faithful performance of the contract; and the county commissioners shall not pay in full for making such road until the road commissioners of the district where the same is located shall have approved the work done and reported such approval in writing to them.

1878, ch. 340.

204. Whenever any person shall desire to improve any road to an extent beyond that contemplated by the board of road commissioners of the district wherein it is located, he may make application to the county commissioners by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of improvement, and probable cost thereof; and the county commissioners shall thereupon order the road commissioners of the district or districts to meet upon the premises and examine the location and purposes set forth in the petition, and if they shall judge that the public interest will be promoted thereby they shall report their determination to the county commissioners, setting forth an estimate of the money required, and their reasons for