

tendent of the county, to meet on the premises on some day to be named in the order of appointment, and examine and determine whether the public convenience requires the granting of the application, and the probable cost thereof; and they shall report in writing their opinion and determination in the premises and their reasons therefor; and if the county commissioners shall be of the opinion that such application ought to be granted, if it be for a new bridge or extensive repairs upon a standing bridge, they shall advertise in two or more newspapers in Baltimore county, setting forth the location of the proposed bridge, with full specifications of the size, plan and materials, and that sealed proposals for building or repairing such bridge will be received until a certain day and hour in said advertisement named. The county commissioners shall award the contract for the work to the lowest responsible and competent builder; the contractor shall give bond in double the amount of the contract price for the faithful performance of the contract; and the commissioners shall in no case fully pay for such work until it shall have been thoroughly examined and accepted by them.

1878, ch. 340.

**206.** The county commissioners, on the first Tuesday in January of every second year, accounting from the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, shall appoint a competent and trustworthy person, who shall thoroughly understand the business of bridge building, as superintendent of bridges in said county; he shall receive such compensation for his services, not exceeding five dollars per day when actually employed, as the county commissioners may see fit to allow him, and he shall file with them a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, with two or more sureties, to be approved by them; it shall be his duty to make drawings and furnish specifications for all new bridges to be erected, and to make specifications for all repairs on old bridges when they shall so direct; he shall superintend the building of all new bridges and such repairs as they may direct; he shall examine and report in writing to them upon all new bridges or repairs made, and give his written opinion as to the strict performance of the terms of the contract by the contractors, and whether such work should be accepted or not; he may be re-