

made, and the said contracts shall be awarded to the lowest responsible and accepted bidders, at a public letting of the roads to be held by the road commissioners and county commissioners, at such time and place as the county commissioners may select, due notice of which shall be given by publication in the county papers, and by handbills set up in public places; provided, that said roads be offered in sections, as laid out by the county commissioners in whose division they may be located, according to road districts, and as described on lists filed in the office of the county commissioners; said sections to embrace the roadways of all bridges and the fordings of all streams located thereon; and that no contract be awarded to any person residing beyond the limits of the road district in which the section bid for by him is located; and provided further, that the road commissioners and county commissioners may reserve the right to reject any or all bids; and each person to whom a contract shall be awarded shall give a good and sufficient bond, with ample security, to the county commissioners, in a penalty double the amount of his contract, conditioned for the faithful performance of the same, and for the faithful discharge of the duties imposed upon him by law; said bond to be approved by the said road commissioners and county commissioners in their respective election districts and filed with the contract of said person, in the office of the county commissioners; but if the road commissioners and county commissioners shall fail to dispose of any section of road at public letting, the county commissioners shall, as soon as practicable, contract privately for the same with some resident of the road district in which the section is located, at the lowest reasonable amount, under the same conditions that regulate the keeping in good repair of other sections; and failing in this they shall place said section under the special charge of the road commissioner in whose road district it is located, and who shall expend in repairs and improvements thereon such amount of money as the county commissioners may order; and not more than one section of road shall be contracted for with any one person, unless it shall be wholly impossible to do otherwise; and the said road commissioners and county commissioners shall report promptly to the board of county commissioners all the proceedings under this section; and when a new road shall have been opened, the county