

commissioners shall contract for the repair of the same in the same manner as for other roads, until the next regular awarding of contracts for roads shall occur; and it shall be set forth in all contracts under this section that the persons contracting shall be bound to keep the roads in their charge in the condition required by this sub-title of this article without reference to the amount bid by them at the public letting of said roads, or agreed upon between them and the road commissioners and county commissioners as the contract price for keeping the same in repair; and that for each month that the roads in their charge may be and remain in a condition contrary to the requirements of this sub-title of this article, and shall be so reported to the county commissioners, they shall forfeit one-twelfth of the yearly proportion of their contract; and the said road commissioners and county commissioners shall so regulate the amount of contracts awarded and limit all other expenditures for road and bridge purposes in Cecil county as not to exceed in the aggregate for any one year an amount equal to twenty cents on each one hundred dollars of the taxable basis of said county; provided, that this shall not apply to extraordinary expenditures required on account of great damage by storms or floods.

1886, ch. 63.

**316.** The contractors under the preceding section shall be known as road supervisors; and it shall be the duty of said supervisors to keep the roads in their charge at all times in good repair, so as to afford free, safe and easy passage over the same; said roads to be free from all over-hanging and projecting limbs or bushes, from all ruts, holes, loose stones, brush and rubbish of every kind whatsoever, higher in the centre than at the sides, except when otherwise ordered by the county commissioners, and with clear, open ditches of sufficient capacity and grade to carry off the water; the supervisors shall give prompt notice to the road commissioners in charge of their road district, of any injury done to the bridges on the roads in their charge, and also of any unlawful obstruction placed on said roads; and any supervisor failing to perform the foregoing duties shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury, and upon conviction, shall be fined not more than one hundred nor less than twenty-five dollars, with