

interested tax-payers of the district or districts through which the road is to be laid out, altered or closed, directing them to meet upon the premises at the time appointed in said notice, and after making examination to determine if the public convenience requires the granting of such application; and if the examiners so appointed, or a majority of them, shall determine that the public convenience requires the granting of such application, they shall employ a competent surveyor who shall under their direction, survey said road and make a plat of the land.

SEC. 203. That when no objection shall have been filed within the time hereinbefore designated, or if objection shall have been filed and the road petitioned for confirmed by the county commissioners of said county, or if in case of appeal the order of the county commissioners is affirmed by the circuit court for said county, the county commissioners shall record, or cause to be recorded, such road as a public road of Baltimore county, and the award, if for damages, shall be paid by the county commissioners to the person or persons or body corporate entitled to receive the same within ninety days from the ratification of said 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 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 or owners of the property taken for such road or to his, her or its agent or attorney, or left upon the premises in case the owner is unknown; provided, that in case the damages allowed by said examiners to any person or persons or body corporate shall be increased either by order of the county commissioners of said county, or by the circuit court for said county upon an appeal from the decision of said county commissioners, or in case the amount of benefits assessed against any person or persons or body corporate by said examiners be decreased either by order of the county commissioners or by the decision of the circuit court for Baltimore county upon appeal from the county commissioners, then the parties petitioning for said road shall pay *pro rata* according to their assessments, the deficit caused by said increase of damages or decrease of said benefits, the same to be collected the same as are assessments for benefits as hereinbefore provided; and, provided further, 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, or in the event of a reduction of any assessment for benefits or increase of any damages upon appeal or otherwise as above provided, until the amount of the deficit thereby caused shall have been made up and paid by the petitioners; the county commissioners of said county shall then advertise for sealed proposals for

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