

article ten, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Dorchester County" sub-title "Roads," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows :

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277. *And be it enacted,* That the board of county commissioners be and they are hereby authorized and empowered to adopt, if in their judgment they think it necessary and proper so to do, a scientific and thorough system of drainage and general improvement for the public county roads of Dorchester County, whenever the same may be needed to accomplish this purpose the said board are authorized and empowered to engage the services of a competent surveyor and engineer who shall have charge of and superintend such drainage and improvements as shall be adopted, it shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer on complaint of three or more citizens and taxpayers of the county, to go over, examine and report to the board of county commissioners what if any drainage or other improvements is necessary for the board complained of together with an estimate of the costs of doing the same and if in the judgment of said board after receiving said report and estimates said drainage shall be necessary, the said board shall order the said surveyor and engineer to proceed to lay off such ditch or ditches as may be necessary and outlets for the same to some creek or branch which may be a natural drain with ascertained depths and widths for the complete and perfect drainage of the same and to advertise and let out the cutting, widening and cleaning out of such ditch or making other improvements on the same to the lowest bidder for cash, the terms and character of such advertising be such as may be adopted by said board, it shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer to supervise the cutting or cleaning of such ditch or ditches and other improvements, and no ditch or ditches or other improvements shall be received or paid for until after the same has been examined and reported by said surveyor and engineer to be perfect and in all respects to conform to the requirements of the contract for cutting or making the same and the drainage and other improvements of such road, completely, effected, and the said board of county commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn outlets for such drainage through private property as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws, of the State of Maryland for condemning public highways and the said board are authorized to allow and pay said surveyor and engineer for his services four dollars per day for every day he may be actually engaged in such service for the county.

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