

districts in any election district, and shall levy upon the assessable property of said county to pay the expenditures for such repairs, provided, the expenditures for repairs of public roads and bridges except over navigable streams shall not exceed the sum of twenty thousand dollars per year.

To appoint trustees.

191 A. The county commissioners shall at their first meeting in the month of May in each year appoint for each of said road districts three competent persons who be taxpayers on real estate assessed at not less than one thousand dollars to be designated as trustees of public roads either or all of whom shall be eligible to appointment for more than one road district whose duty it shall be to exercise a general supervision over the repairs and improvements to be made by the supervisors, contractors or other persons authorized to repair or improve the roads in their respective road districts with full power and authority to designate, direct and determine the character and manner of repairs and improvements to be made; the times and seasons in which the work on public roads shall be done, and to forbid the repairing or working on the public roads during such seasons as they may deem proper, and they shall report from time to time, whenever they see fit, to the county commissioners the incompetence, neglect or refusal of the supervisors or other persons having charge of such repairs and improvements, to properly perform their duty, and no account for work done on the public roads by the supervisors, contractors or other persons shall be allowed by the county commissioners unless certified by a majority of said trustees of the respective road districts that such work has been properly done.

Sealed proposals

191 B. The county commissioners may advertise in the newspapers published in said county for at least three weeks before their first meeting in May in each year for sealed proposals for the repairs of the public roads, including bridges and culverts, in each road district not already let by contract, which proposals are hereby authorized to be made for any number of years not exceeding five years, at a stated sum per year, and to be made by any person or persons, companies or corporations, and for any one or more road districts, which proposals shall be publicly opened at the said meeting of the county commissioners by the president of the board, and if any such proposals are made for the repairs of the public roads at a sum per year less than the average cost per year for the repairs of such roads mentioned in such proposals for the five years last prior to the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two, such person, persons, companies or corporations who are the lowest bidders therefor shall be entitled to be awarded the contract for