

missioners by petition, setting forth the location of the proposed bridge, or the character and extent of proposed repairs, and probable cost of the same; the County Commissioners may then appoint a board of examiners, to consist of one Road Commissioner of the neighborhood, one disinterested tax-payer, to be named by the petitioners, and the bridge superintendent of the county, to meet on the premises on some day to be named in the order of appointment, and examine and determine if the public convenience requires granting of the application, and the probable cost thereof; and they shall report in writing their opinion and determination in the premises and their reasons therefor, and if the commissioners shall be of the opinion that such application ought to be granted, if it be for a new bridge or extensive repairs upon a standing bridge, they shall advertise in two or more newspapers in Baltimore county, setting forth the location of the proposed bridge, with full specifications of the size, plan and materials, and that sealed proposals for building or repairing such bridge will be received until a certain day and hour in said advertisement named. The commissioners shall award the contract for the work to the lowest responsible and competent builder. The contractor shall give bond in double the amount of contract price for the faithful performance of the contract; and the commissioners shall in no case fully pay for such work until it shall have been thoroughly examined and accepted by them.

State probable cost.

Receive proposals.

SEC. 20. *And be it enacted*, The County Commissioners of Baltimore county shall, on the first Tuesday in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and the first Tuesday in January every second year thereafter, appoint a competent and trustworthy person, who shall thoroughly understand the business of bridge building, as superintendent of bridges in said county; he shall receive such compensation for his services, not exceeding five dollars per day when actually employed, as the commissioners may see fit to allow him, and he shall file with said commissioners a bond for the faithful performance of his duties in the penal sum of two thousand and five hundred dollars, with two or more sureties to be approved by said commissioners; it shall be his duty to make drawings and furnish specifications for all new

Appoint superintendent.