

not less than thirty-two thousand dollars for the use of the Road Directors of Allegany county, which shall be collected as other county taxes are collected; and to the extent of such levy the County Treasurer of Allegany county shall honor the drafts of the Road Directors of Allegany county, all such drafts to be signed by the chairman of such directors, and to be countersigned by the said engineer. But this Act shall not be construed as depriving the County Commissioners of such power as they may possess of appropriating sums of money to the different incorporated towns of the county for road improvement.

216 F. "Whenever there shall not be sufficient money in the hands of the County Treasurer, set apart for the use of the Road Directors to meet the requirements of the county roads and bridges, the County Commissioners shall borrow upon the credit of the county, and place in the hands of the County Treasurer for the use of the Road Commissioners a sum not exceeding \$20,000, the payment of which loan shall be provided for in the next succeeding annual levy; provided, however, that the sanction of the Circuit Court for Allegany county shall have first been obtained for such loan upon petition to said Court by the Road Directors, setting forth the causes and reasons of the necessity for and of such sum of money to be raised for their use; and whenever such petition shall be filed, the County Commissioners may, if they see proper, contest the same, and upon hearing the petition and such evidence as may be introduced by the Road Directors and by the County Commissioners, the said Court shall pass such orders as to it, may seem proper in the premises. Immediately after the appointment and qualification under the provisions of this Act, the Road Directors shall avail themselves of the provisions of this section, and said Court shall pass an order requiring the County Commissioners to provide for the use of said Road Directors such sum, not exceeding \$20,000, as to the Court may seem necessary, to carry out the provisions of this Act, down to the time when the money to be levied for the use of said Road Directors in the annual levy for the year 1904 shall be available.