

office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which the deed or deeds conveying the said lands are required to be recorded, which said plat shall be referred to in, and shall be a part of said deed or deeds, and the lands so conveyed shall be and become thenceforth the property of the county, in the same manner and to the same extent as other county roads, and no further, subject to the public rights of way over the same, and it shall be lawful for the said county commissioners of any county so to contract for land for a public wharf, drains for county roads or other public use or uses, which said land shall be the property of said county, subject to said use or uses; and whenever the county commissioners shall deem it expedient that examiners should be appointed to view the grounds for the purpose of opening, altering or closing a road, they shall appoint three persons as examiners, who shall be freeholders in the county, and not interested in or holding lands through which the road is proposed to be opened, altered or closed, but the appointment of examiners shall not prevent the said county commissioners, at any time thereafter, from contracting with the owner or owners as above provided, and the county commissioners of any county are authorized, when the county roads cannot be conveniently drained by drains along the said county roads, to make the same upon the property outside the limits thereof, and they shall contract for the lands that may be required for that purpose as above provided, or they may proceed to condemn the lands that may be necessary for the purpose under the act of assembly of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, chapter four hundred and seventy-one, from section one hundred and seventy to one hundred and seventy-five, inclusive, relating to the condemnation of property by corporations.

Lawful to contract.

Appoint examiners.

Proceed to condemn.

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