subscribe to the following oath or affirmation
before the said Clerk or any Justice of the
Peace in Cecil county: "I,   , Road Com-

Oath.   missioner for the   election district of Cecil
county, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I
will well and faithfully discharge all the
duties imposed upon me by law, and endeavor
earnestly and honestly, without fear, favor or
affection to so administer my office as to pro-
mote the public welfare, so help me God,"
which shall be attached to each commission,
and a copy filed in the office of the County
Commissioners; and the said County Com-
missioners shall contract for keeping the pub-

Term.   lic roads in Cecil county in good repair—con-
tracts in each case to be made for a term not
exceeding three years—and in like manner
their successors shall, prior to the expiration of
every three years thereafter, make new con-
tracts for the same work; said contracts to
date from the first day of April of the
year in which they shall be made, and the
said contracts shall be awarded to the lowest
responsible and accepted bidders, at a public
letting of the roads to be held by the Road

Contracts— Commissioners and County Commissioners, at
How awarded
and what to   such time and place as the County Commis-
contain.   sioners may select, due notice of which shall
be given by publication in the county papers,
and by hand-bills set up in public places;
provided, that said roads be offered in sections,
as laid out by the County Commissioners, in
whose division they may be located, according
to road districts, and as described on lists filed
in the office of the County Commissioners;
said sections to embrace the roadways of all
bridges and the fordings of all streams located
thereon; and that no contract be awarded to
any person residing beyond the limits of
the road district in which the section bid for
by him is located; and provided further, that
the Road Commissioners and County Commis-

Right to reject. sioners may reserve the right to reject any or
all bids, and each person to whom a contract
shall be awarded shall give a good and suffi-