

required to give bond in such penalty not exceeding double the cost of the building or repairing of such bridges ; and the said highway commissioners are hereby prohibited from awarding contracts for such work, unless the proper bond is filed, which in all cases shall accompany the bid ; in the event of a failure of any bidder to receive the contracts contemplated by this Act, the said bonds shall be returned to such unsuccessful bidder, to be canceled or disposed of as they shall see fit. Whenever any contractor shall notify the member of the highway commission for the road district in which a bridge built or repaired is located that such bridge is completed, said commissioner, in conjunction with at least one other highway commissioner, shall inspect the work, and if the same has been completed in conformity with the plans and specifications thereof the same shall be reported to the highway commissioners as a board, and when accepted by it the same shall then be reported to the board of County Commissioners, and said bridges or bridge shall then be opened for travel, and the contractor shall be entitled to receive any monies then due him on account of said contract.

CHAP. 249

Bond to be given.

286. The said highway commission is empowered to purchase gravel, stone or other material needful for the repairs, construction and re-construction of the public roads, and for this purpose may acquire by purchase or lease, gravel banks or stone quarries in said county, when it shall seem to them to be to the interest of the county so to do, and such material shall be used in the construction, re-construction and repairs of roads whenever and wherever practicable ; and in case of such purchase or lease the County Commissioners of Prince George's county shall acquire either a fee simple or leasehold title to the property so acquired, and are authorized to hold, use, sell or otherwise dispose of the same in the same manner as a private individual thus acquiring similar rights, and it shall require no further legislation to vest such properties in the said County Commissioners as representatives of the county as fully as if the same had been purchased or leased by private individuals as they may sell or dispose of the same without further legislation.

May purchase gravel, stone, etc., when needed.

287. And whereas, under the law in existence previous to the enactment of this bill into law, certain road commissioners of Prince George's county had been elected under