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Bond to be  
given.

fixed by them for opening said proposals, and not before that day, and on the day fixed for opening said proposals the said County Commissioners shall publicly open said bids and shall examine the same and publicly award the contract for making said construction to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders; and the person or persons, firm or corporation who shall be awarded the contract for constructing the said bridge, shall immediately enter into a bond in double the amount of the contract price for constructing the said bridge, and if said constructor shall fail to comply with all the requirements and specifications of the same and fail within five days to give the required bond, the said County Commissioners may give the work to the next lowest bidder or advertise anew; provided that no contract be entered into or bond received for the construction of said bridge unless the whole cost of constructing said bridge completed and fit for travel shall not exceed the amount hereby appropriated; and the said bridge engineer shall, in making his plans and specifications for constructing said bridge, give the County Commissioners an estimate of the probable time required to make said construction, and the probable cost of the same, and each bidder for the work shall be required to state the time he will require to finish said construction, and the successful bidder shall give bond to complete the work within the time stated in his proposal under a penalty of fifty dollars for each day over the time required, and each bidder in naming the time he shall require to complete said work shall not name on working days or any number of days, but he shall fix in his bid the day, month and year when he will have the work completed and the bridge ready to turn over to the county for public travel; and in considering said proposals, the County Commissioners shall, provided the amount of the bid is within the amount appropriated for said construction, consider the time mentioned by each proposal for completing the work, and may, in their judgment, award the contract to some person, firm or corporation not actually the lowest bidder, if, in their judgment, owing to the time required for the completion of the work, and considering the cost of providing for public travel while said bridge is being constructed, said bid will be the least cost to the county.

Time of com-  
pletion of  
work.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of paying for the construction of said bridge, the County Commis-