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out this requirement they may have surveyed and re-located any of said roads. All roads shall be thirty feet wide and the bed or traveled portion of every road shall be of sufficient width to allow teams to conveniently pass each other. Before making any permanent or special improvement costing one thousand dollars or over a mile, to any of said main roads they shall consult with the highway commission of Maryland as to the most approved method of making the same, and may employ a road engineer to lay out and superintend the work. They may purchase all machinery, appliances and material necessary to make said special or permanent improvement or repairs ; and in all cases where any such permanent improvement is made to any of the main county roads, the same shall, except as hereinafter provided, be let out on contract. Public bids shall be received for the same, after due notice, upon such terms as they may prescribe. When a bridge costing over five hundred dollars is to be built, a road engineer may be consulted as to kind, character, cost and approved method of building the same before a bid for its construction is accepted, and in event the bids for making any special or permanent improvement or repair to any of said roads or for building any of said bridges shall be deemed excessive, the County Commissioners shall reject them and call for new bids or construct the same themselves, under the supervision of the road engineer ; all expense connected with the building of bridges costing over one hundred dollars, and the permanent improvement of, or temporary repairs to, the main roads hereinbefore provided for shall be paid out of the said general road fund, or if it shall be insufficient, the deficiency shall be made up from the general funds of the county not otherwise appropriated. In making the general repairs to the county roads they shall require three-fourths of the amount allotted to each road district to be expended before the 15th of June and the balance before the 1st of November in each year, and in case of bills coming in from any road district before the levy is collected for the same, they may advance from the general funds of the county enough to meet them, reimbursing the county as the collection from such districts may be made. No bills shall be paid unless sworn to and duly approved by the road commissioners for such district.

Bids received.

Expenses
incurred.

SEC. 138 A. Whenever any doubt exists as to the proper location or width of a county road or the County Commis-