

SEC. 48. *And be it enacted*, That the board of County Commissioners be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and required to adopt a scientific and thorough system of drainage and general improvement for the public county roads of Somerset county, whenever the same may be needed. To further this end, the said board are authorized to engage the services of a competent surveyor and engineer, who shall have charge of and superintend such drainage and improvements as shall be adopted. It shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer, on complaint of three or more citizens and taxpayers of the county, to go over, examine and report to the board of County Commissioners what, if any, drainage and other improvements are necessary for the road complained of, together with an estimate of the cost of doing the same, and if, in the judgment of said board, after receiving said report and estimate, said drainage shall be necessary, the said board shall order the said surveyor and engineer to proceed to lay off such ditch or ditches as may be necessary, and outlets for the same to some creek or branch which may be a natural drain with ascertained depth and width for the complete and perfect drainage of the same; and to advertise and let out the cutting, widening and cleaning of such ditch or making such improvement on same to the lowest bidder for cash, the time and character of such advertising to be such as may be adopted by said board. It shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer to supervise the cutting or cleansing of such ditch or ditches, and other improvements, and no ditch or other improvements shall be received or paid for until after the same has been examined and reported by said surveyor and engineer to be perfect in all respects, and to conform to the requirements of the contract for cutting or making the same, and the drainage or other improvements of such road completely effected; and the said Board of County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn outlets for such drainage through private property as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, for condemning public highways; and the said board are authorized to allow and pay said surveyor or engineer for his services, four dollars per day for every day he may be actually engaged in such service for the county.

System of drainage.

To employ surveyor.

Duties.

Power of condemnation.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Effective.

Approved April 6th, 1894.