

before a justice of the peace of Wicomico county that they will faithfully, fully and fairly and without partiality or prejudice, value and assess the costs and damages to be suffered and incurred by any person interested in the said property, over, through and by which the said road, drain, water way or landings is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, and also to estimate the benefits that may accrue therefrom to any such property, over, through and by which the said road, drains, water way or landing is to be opened, closed, extended, widened, graded or improved, or any property adjacent thereto, or any other property injured or benefited by said road, drain, water course or landing; they shall give at least fifteen days' notice in one or more newspapers published in Wicomico county of their purpose to lay out, open, extend, close up, widen, straighten, grade or improve the road, drain, water way or landing so directed to be laid out, opened, extended, closed up, widened, straightened, graded or improved, and of the day, hour and place of meeting for the said purpose; and shall meet at the time and place mentioned in the notice given by them, and proceed to exercise the powers and perform the duty assigned to and required of them, and to ascertain whether any and what amount in value of damages will be caused thereby, for which the owner or occupant of any rights or interest, claimed in any ground or improvement, ought to be compensated, over and above the amount in value of benefits which will thereby accrue to said owner or occupant thereof, and ascertain what amount in value of benefits will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground by or through which the same may pass, or improvements made, or any other property, or to the owner or occupant thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground, or the owner or occupant thereof ought to pay. They shall locate boundaries and prepare an explanatory map, giving description of the road opened, closed, extended, widened, straightened, or drain, water course or landing, with each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damages or received benefits, and they shall within twenty days, return to the County Commissioners such map, together with the amount of damages awarded such owners or occupants and the amount of benefits assessed to any lot or parcel of ground or the owner thereof, together with a certificate of their qualifications, which may be ratified or rejected or allowed and amended, in whole or in part, by said County Commissioners; provided, that the County Commissioners shall give ten days' notice, at least, by publication in one newspaper published in Wicomico county, or by ten days'

Notice to be given.

Boundaries located.