

vided by law. The president of the Board of County Commissioners shall be ex-officio president of the Highways Commission; said Highways Commission shall designate the chief clerk and auditor to the County Commissioners as secretary of said Commission, and said Highways Commission shall at the time of its organization as aforesaid, or thereafter, from time to time, adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of business as it may deem necessary.

333. Said Highways Commission shall meet on Thursday in each week at the office of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for the transaction of business connected with its duties under this sub-title, and may hold such other meetings as a proper discharge of its duties may require. It shall keep a journal of proceedings in which shall be entered all its proceedings in detail, the correctness of the same to be attested each week by the president and secretary of the Commission; it shall also keep books showing in detail the expenditures of money in each election district of the county on account of the roads and bridges thereof, and from what fund such expenditures were made, and by which books the condition of the general road and bridge fund and the several district funds may be readily seen at any time, all of which said books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the county. It shall, annually, compile statistics relating to the public roads of Baltimore county, and cause the same to be printed or published in one or more of the county newspapers. All maps, plans and statistics collected and compiled under their direction shall be preserved in their office. All bills or claims on account of the roads or bridges of the county shall be passed upon by the Commission at a regular or adjourned meeting, and no such claim involving the expenditure of more than fifty dollars, and no contract or agreement involving a larger expenditure from the road moneys of the county, and no appropriation of money from the general road and bridge fund for any purpose shall be allowed or made, except by a majority vote of all the members of the Commission, at a regular or adjourned meeting; all contracts, agreements, grants and licenses made or entered into by the Commission shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public; the original copies of all reports to the Commission and other papers not recorded shall be preserved in the office. Copies of such contracts, agreements, grants and licenses recorded as aforesaid, and of the records of the proceedings of said Highways Commission, when duly certified by the secretary of said Commission, shall be accepted as evidence in all the courts of this State.