

stalments as the Highways Commission may elect, and shall be paid out of the special road fund for the respective districts. If any road supervisor shall die, resign or be removed for cause as aforesaid, his place shall be filled by the Highways Commission within thirty days after such vacancy shall occur.

341. All matters pertaining to and affecting the public highways, roads, bridges, streets and alleys of the county shall be under the general control and supervision of said Highways Commission, which Commission is hereby given power to enter into and make any and all contracts for material, machinery and implements for such public highways, and to employ or direct the employment of so many and such agents, superintendents, foremen, inspectors, assistants, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper care and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof. Said Highways Commission shall have full power to determine how the roads of the county and any special road or roads thereof may be worked, repaired and maintained, and to regulate the wages that shall be paid employees engaged in such work and the prices to be paid for material to be used on the same, and to provide for such clerical or other assistants as may be required by it or the Roads Engineer of the county for the efficient performance of their several duties. Such Commission shall have the power to let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of a road by contract, when in the judgment of said Roads Engineer such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given where practicable to the owners of land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of the road supervisors of the district. Whenever any taxpayer of the county shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the Highways Commission or road supervisor of the district shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the Highways Commission or road supervisor for the district, and that its quality is approved by the Roads Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the Highways Commission for the repair or construction of roads or bridges or for materials to be used on the roads, shall be reduced to writing, and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Roads Engineer of the work done or materials furnished under such contract. Whenever work