

determined by it whether to grant the same or not, provided notice of such petition shall be given by publication in two weekly newspapers published in Baltimore county, and the taxpayers of the districts be given an opportunity to be heard, and if granted, the Commission shall determine what special rate, not greater than ten cents on the one hundred dollars of property in the district, shall be allowed, and report their determination to the County Commissioners, with demand that the same be levied as a special road tax for such district, and it shall thereupon become the duty of said County Commissioners to levy for and collect such special tax as other taxes, and when collected, the same shall be used for the exclusive benefit of the roads and bridges of the election district from which collected. When there shall not be sufficient money in the county treasury, set apart as a general road and bridge fund, to meet the demand for any emergency, the Highways Commission shall have the power to borrow money not exceeding twenty thousand dollars in one year, on the credit of the county, to be paid out of road money provided by the next succeeding levy. All sums so levied for road purposes and all sums otherwise collectible for such purposes, under the provisions of this or other Acts, shall be collected or received by the treasurer of Baltimore county, and by him placed to the credit of the Highways Commission of Baltimore county, and paid out on the order of said Commission as herein provided, and shall not be paid out by him for any other purpose.

348. All bills or claims on account of the roads and bridges of the county, after having received the endorsement of the Roads Engineer, as hereinbefore provided, shall be passed upon by the Commission at a regular or adjourned meeting, and no such claim involving the expenditure of more than one hundred 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; all claims allowed and passed as above provided, shall be marked approved by the president and secretary of the Commission, and when so approved an order for the amount of the same shall be drawn on the County Treasurer, who shall pay said amount out of the road funds placed to the credit of the Highways Commission, as provided in the next preceding section of this sub-title, and charge said amount to the account of the Commission.

349. Said Commission shall not expend or contract to expend in any one year, more money than shall have been provided by levy or otherwise for road and bridge expenses during such year,