

probable cost of the same if it be a new bridge, and require said engineer to make examination of and specific report of needed repairs, with an estimate of the cost thereof, if the bridge be an old one; and upon such report the Commission shall take such actions as it may believe the public convenience or the safety of travelers may require.

356. Whenever any public road of said county crosses at grade the line of any railroad worked by steam or other power, or any other road, public or private, the Highways Commission shall have power to determine whether public safety or convenience requires that such public road shall be carried across such railroad or public or private road, at the place in question, by another grade, or over or under-grade crossing, and upon such determination to make such changes in grade and construction of such public road as may be necessary for such over-grade or under-grade crossing, as the case may be, and to construct and provide for the construction of such bridges, archways or culverts as may be needed for such over-grade or under-grade crossings, and to provide, by contract or otherwise, for the maintenance thereof. Said Highways Commission shall have power to determine, after such reasonable opportunity as it may fix for notice to all persons or corporations in interest, how much, if any, of the cost of the work made necessary by such change of grade, or cost of the construction or maintenance of such over-grade or under-grade crossing, or of such bridges, archways or culverts as may be needful therefor, shall be borne by the county, and how much of the same in each instance shall be borne by any person or persons, corporation or corporations, so as aforesaid in interest. In order that any claim or claims of adjoining property owners may be fairly dealt with, the Highways Commission shall have power, on presentation of such claim, after such reasonable notice as it may fix, to the claimants and all other parties interested, to determine such claim or claims, and fix the amount thereof, and at the same time to determine what part thereof, if any, shall be paid by the several parties interested and benefited by such change, and to compel payment of the amounts so assessed in the same manner as assessments are collected in the case of the opening of new roads; the parties so assessed or interested to have the right to appeal from the order of the Commission, as hereinafter provided.

357. Said Highways Commission, in addition to its other powers and duties under this sub-title, shall have full charge and control of all sewers, drains and ditches used in connection with the public highways, roads, streets, avenues, lanes and alleys of the county, and shall keep the same in proper order and repair, subject to liability for the breach of their duties in