

such respect as municipal corporations are ordinarily subject. Whenever it shall become necessary, in its discretion, to lay out or construct any sewer, drain or ditch, across or under the property of any individual or corporation, for the purpose of draining the surface water from any public highway heretofore existing or hereafter dedicated by grant, condemned or declared to be a public highway, as provided in this sub-title, such Highways Commission shall have the power to lay out and construct the same in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and restrictions, so far as the same may be applicable, as are provided for the opening, altering, relocating or closing of county roads, and to assess the benefits and award the damages arising therefrom in the same manner. When any sewer, drain or ditch is so constructed for the purpose of carrying off surface water from the roads as aforesaid, said Commission shall have the right to allow connections to be made therewith from private property, upon such terms as it may decide proper or just. The revenues derived from such source to be applied to the benefit of the county roads and highways.

358. The Highways Commission shall make no contract for work or materials of any kind to be done or furnished in connection with any of its duties under this sub-title for an amount exceeding two hundred dollars in amount, without requiring the party contracting to do such work for furnishing such material, to give a bond, with security, to be approved by the Commission, for the proper performance of such contract, and shall make no payments on account of such contract, unless the Roads Engineer of the county shall approve the same.

359. The Highways Commission of Baltimore county shall have full power to agree and contract with owners of land or materials, the use of which may be required in connection with the opening of any new road, the construction or repair of any bridge, the relocation, straightening or widening of any road, the proper drainage of the roads of the county, or in connection with any other of its duties under this sub-title, and if it be unable for any reason to agree with the owners of any such land or materials, the use of which is required for any such purposes, and if other provisions of this sub-title shall not in any such case be applicable or advisable under the circumstances, said Commission may proceed to condemn the same under the provisions of the law relative to condemnations by corporations, municipal or otherwise, as fully as though it were a corporation named in the several sections of said laws.

360. In all cases where there is any growing timber, buildings, stone or other property of value, on any property dedicated to the county by grant for road purposes, opened by the