

Commissioner shall be filled by the County Commissioners of Charles county, who shall their successors at the expiration of their term of office.

159. In case the said engineer shall fail to keep the accounts or make the reports as herein set forth, or shall wilfully make false reports and accounts, he shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Charles county; and, if convicted in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum, in the discretion of the court, not exceeding three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court. The road supervisors to be appointed as herein provided, shall be liable to indictment for wilful neglect of the duties imposed upon them, or for malfeasance in office, and, if convicted in the Circuit Court of Charles county aforesaid, shall be fined, in the discretion of the Court, not more than three hundred dollars.

160. Whenever any person or persons shall desire to improve any public road in said county to an extent beyond that contemplated by the county road engineer, they may make application to the Road Commissioners by petition, setting forth the location of the road to be improved, the extent and character of the improvement and the probable cost thereof; and the said Road Commissioners shall thereupon order the county road engineer to examine the location and purpose set forth in the petition; and if he shall be of the opinion that the public interest will be promoted thereby, he shall report his determination to the Road Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination, and an estimate of the cost of such improvement, and if the Road Commissioners shall approve the report of the said county road engineer, they shall direct the expenditure of any amount not to exceed one-half the total of said estimate, to be paid out of the road levy or liquor license fund; provided, that the petitioners for such improvements shall first pay into the treasury of the county an amount not less than one-half of said estimate; all of said money to be expended under the direction of the county road engineer.

160a. It shall be the duty of the Road Commissioners of Charles county, whenever the office of county road engineer shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint within thirty days from the date of such vacancy some person to fill the same, and in the manner and with the same qualifications as prescribed in section 158 of this Act.

160b. Whenever the county road engineer shall find it necessary to open an outlet or watercourse through private property in Charles county to secure proper drainage of any public