

prohibit the said Highway Commission from the building or repairing of such bridges, where all the cost will not exceed two hundred dollars; at the time specified in said advertisement for presentation of sealed bids or proposals, the same shall be publicly opened in the County Commissioners' office of Prince George's county, with the right in said Highway Commission to reject any or all bids; provided, however, that in awarding contracts they shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, who shall be required to give bond in such penalty not exceeding double the cost of the building or repairing of such bridges; and the said Highway Commissioners are hereby prohibited from awarding contracts for such work, unless the proper bond is filed, which in all cases shall accompany the bid; in the event of a failure of any bidder to receive the contracts contemplated by this Act, the said bonds shall be returned to such unsuccessful bidder, to be cancelled or disposed of as they shall see fit. Whenever any contractor shall notify the Highway Commission that such bridge is completed or repaired, said Highway Commission or its agent shall inspect the work, and if the same has been completed in conformity with the plans and specifications thereof, the same shall be reported to the Highway Commissioners as a board, and when accepted by it the same shall then be reported to the Board of County Commissioners, and said bridges or bridge shall then be opened for travel, and the contractor shall be entitled to receive any monies then due him on account of said contract.

SEC. 290. It shall be the duty of said Highway Commission to have, as far as practicable, all roads constructed, reconstructed or repaired in said county, to be done by contract, under sealed bids, to be opened publicly after due advertisement, and for the purpose of having the necessary clerical force to carry out the provisions of this Act the said Highway Commission is authorized and directed to pay respectively to the clerk and auditor to the County Commissioners of Prince George's county the sum of two hundred dollars each per annum for such clerical services, and the said Highway Commissioners shall each of them receive for the performance of the duties hereby imposed the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, to be levied and paid by the County Commissioners of Prince George's county. It shall be the duty of the said Highway Commission to meet in the office of the County Commissioners at Upper Marlboro at least once a month between the first of April and the first of October, in each year, and report to the board, as a board, the work done and performed and the cost thereof, and the members of said