

entire charge, control and supervision of the working, repairing and reconstructing of the public roads and bridges in St. Mary's county, except such road as is sought to be constructed by the State in said county, and shall make all specifications for the building of new roads and bridges; he shall employ such help, teams and implements as he may deem necessary for the working, repairing and reconstructing said roads and bridges, to be paid by the County Commissioners. He shall have charge and control of all teams, carts, wagons and other machinery and implements which may be purchased by the County Commissioners for the use of said roads. He shall appear before the Commissioners at the first meeting in each month and make a statement to them of the work done and money expended; he shall examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts for any work done or materials furnished on any of the public roads or bridges in St. Mary's county before the same shall be paid by the County Commissioners, and said County Commissioners shall make no payment until such accounts have been certified by said engineer. The said county road engineer shall not be interested in any firm or corporation from which anything shall be purchased for the use of said roads or bridges, nor receive any commission on said purchase.

SEC. 103d. 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 County 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 County 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 County Commissioners, setting forth his reasons for such determination and an estimate of the cost of such improvements, and if the County Commissioners shall approve the report of the said county road engineer they shall direct the expenditure of any amount not to exceed one-half of the total of said estimate, to be paid out of the road levy or other moneys belonging to the county; provided, that the petitioners for such improvement shall agree to contribute in cash or labor 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.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1908.