

ticle 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Roads," as enacted by Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1912.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 177H, 177 I, 177 J, 177P, 177Q, 177S and 177U of Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Montgomery County," sub-title "Roads," as enacted by Chapter 109 of the Acts of 1912, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

177H. All matters pertaining to and affecting the public highways, roads, bridges, avenues, streets and alleys of the county shall be under the control and supervision of the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, who are hereby given power to enter into and make any and all contracts for material, machinery, implements and equipment for such public highways, and to employ or direct the employment of so many and such agents, superintendents, foremen, inspectors, assistants, mechanics and laborers as may be found necessary for the proper construction, care, improvement and maintenance of the same, and to fix the rate of compensation thereof. Said County Commissioners shall have full power to determine how the roads of the county and any special road or roads thereof may be worked, repaired, improved or maintained, and to regulate the wages that shall be paid employees engaged in such work, and the prices to be paid for material to be used on the same, and to provide for such clerical or other assistance as may be required by them or the Montgomery County Road Superintendent, with their authority and approval first had and obtained, for the efficient performance of their several duties. Said County Commissioners shall have the power to have work done by direct employment of labor or to let the construction, repairs, maintenance or improvement of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in their judgment, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given where practicable to persons directly interested in the proper care or improvement of such road or roads. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges, or for materials to be used therein or thereon, shall be reduced to writing and filed for record with the Clerk of said County Commissioners. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or more,