

are, the County Commissioners shall take into consideration the reasons contained in the counter petition and such other testimony as may be given before them, and determine the case as in their opinion shall seem proper. All applications for opening roads herein mentioned shall be by petition to the County Commissioners.

Section 206B. Whenever the County Commissioners shall decide that it is expedient that a road be opened as provided in the preceding section they may contract with the owner or owners of the land through which said road is intended to run for the right of way over the land necessary for said road, if the said owners thereof be competent to contract, and the said County Commissioners shall obtain a deed therefor, and the same shall thenceforth be the property of the county, in the same manner, to the same extent as other county roads and no further, subject to the public right of way over the same. And whenever the County Commissioners shall deem it expedient that examiners shall be appointed to view the ground for the purpose of opening such roads they shall appoint three persons as examiners who shall be freeholders of the county and not interested in or holding lands through which the said road is proposed to be opened, or they may proceed to condemn the land which may be necessary for the purpose under the provisions of Sections 339 to 404, both inclusive, of Art. 23 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland.

Section 206C. The said examiners before they proceed to act as such, shall take an oath to execute the trust reposed in them under the Commission executed by the said County Commissioners to them, faithfully and without favor, affection or partiality, which said oath shall be endorsed on the commission and returned therewith.

Section 206D. The said examiners or a majority of them after giving thirty days' notice shall in the same manner as prescribed by Sections 94, 95, 96 and 98 of Art. 25 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland proceed to examine and determine whether the public convenience requires that the said road shall be so opened.

Section 206E. All roads so opened under the provisions of this chapter shall be at least twenty feet wide and when opened and sufficiently cleared shall be public roads.

Section 206F. If no objection be made to the return of the examiners at the meeting of the County Commissioners next succeeding the meeting at which said return shall be made,