

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 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.

SEC. 160A. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of Charles County whenever the office of the 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.

SEC. 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 road therein, he shall forthwith so inform the County Commissioners of said county, and if the owners of such property consent to the opening of such outlet or watercourse, and if such owners and the said County Commissioners shall agree upon the value and price to be paid for the same, then such consent and agreement shall be entered on the books of the County Commissioners, and such outlet and watercourses shall be opened by the said county road engineer; but if the owner and the County Commissioners shall fail to agree as aforesaid, then the County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn the land for such outlet or watercourse in manner as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland to the County Commissioners for condemning land for the opening of public roads, and shall appoint three examiners to go over the outlet or watercourse for such drainage and estimate the damage to the owner or owners of the land through which the said outlet or watercourse shall run, and make return thereof to the County Commissioners, after which, upon tender of the amount so estimated to the said owner or owners, the said county road engineer shall immediately cause such outlet or watercourse to be opened; provided, however, that there shall be an appeal to the Circuit Court for Charles County from the finding of said examiners to be filed in the office of the County Commissioners within ten days after the return of the same, and said appeal, provided bond is given with such security as may be approved by the Circuit Court for Charles