

of the cost of such improvement; 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 the total of said estimates, to be paid out of the road levy or of other moneys belonging to the county; 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.

167i. It shall not be lawful for the County Commissioners to open any new public road in Kent County until they shall have such proposed road surveyed and platted by the County Road Engineer and an estimate in writing made by him of the cost of building such proposed road, including necessary bridges on the same, and any such new public roads which the County Commissioners may hereafter decide to open shall be built under control and direction of the County Road Engineer and shall not be accepted and paid for by the County Commissioners until the County Road Engineer has certified to said Commissioners that the said road has been built according to the contract and specifications signed by the contractor, if such road is built by contract.

167j. It shall be the duty of the Governor of the State, whenever the office of County Road Engineer of Kent County shall become vacant by death, resignation or removal from office, to appoint, within sixty 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 167c of this Act.

167k. Whenever the County Road Engineer shall find it necessary to open an outlet or watercourse through private property in Kent 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 watercourses, 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 Commissioners, and such outlet or watercourse shall be opened by the said County Road Engineer, but if the owners and the County Commissioners shall fail to agree, then the said County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn the land for such outlet or watercourse as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland for condemning public highways, and shall appoint three examiners to