

property or rights of drainage for public use, whether belonging to private individuals or to turnpike companies or other corporations, and including any avenues, roads, lanes, or thoroughfares, rights or interests, franchises, privileges or easements, that may be in their judgment desirable or necessary to complete said system of roads; contract with any person or persons, company or corporation, in furtherance of their duties under this Act; employ all necessary help and assistants, skilled and unskilled, in connection with the establishment of said system of roads, and do all such other things as may be reasonably necessary to the full and complete discharge of their duties under this Act. The said County Commissioners, when about to construct or improve in any manner any highway as a part of said system, shall advertise for at least two weeks in one or more newspapers published in said County and for three consecutive issues in at least one daily newspaper published in Baltimore City for sealed proposals for the construction or other improvement of said highway, accurately describing the same and stating the time and place for opening said proposals, reserving the right to reject any and all proposals; said proposals shall be publicly opened at the time specified in said advertisement, and the contract for such work or for the supplies and materials required for such construction or work shall be awarded by the said County Commissioners to the lowest responsible bidder; but said County Commissioners shall not be required so to advertise for proposals, or to award any contract for any work or for any material or supplies for any amount less than two hundred and fifty dollars in the aggregate. The construction and improvement of all highways or parts thereof so undertaken to be constructed or improved as a part of the system aforesaid shall be under the supervision and subject to the approval of the Roads Engineer of Baltimore County, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by him and approved by said County Commissioners.

342-A. That the cost of the construction, improvement and repair of the "Improved System of Roads" to be constructed, as provided in Section 342, shall be paid from the Improved Road System Fund, which fund shall be kept as a separate fund by the Treasurer of Baltimore County in the same manner as the General Road and Bridge Fund is now kept. Thirty per cent. of all moneys collected by the Treasurer of Baltimore County for the use of the public roads, streets and bridges of said County shall be deposited in a special fund known