

improvement, and what proportion of the cost shall be paid by the petitioners and others interested in the work, such proportion not to be less than fifteen per cent. or more than fifty per cent. of such cost, and shall have the power to determine what individuals are to be damaged and what individuals are to be benefited thereby, and the amount of such individual damage and benefit, and to allow and assess the same; provided the amount of individual damage and individual benefit shall not be finally fixed until notice shall be given to the person to be affected, and to have the opportunity to be heard, such person to have the right to appeal from the final decision of the County Commissioners to the Circuit Court for the County. When all the assessments for benefits made by the County Commissioners shall have been paid into the County Treasury, and not until then, the improvement petitioned for and determined upon shall be made.

351. Whenever any owner of property in Baltimore County shall have opened, laid out or graded any avenue or road for the public convenience, and is willing to dedicate the same to public uses, by a good and sufficient deed duly recorded, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County are authorized to accept the same, if in their opinion the same be necessary and convenient for public use, and upon such acceptance, which shall be endorsed upon and recorded with the deed, said avenue or road shall be kept in good order and repair as other County roads; provided, however, that previous to such acceptance said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width and duly and properly graded in the judgment of the County Commissioners; and provided further, that a plat of the road so dedicated shall be furnished with and made a part of said deed and recorded therewith, and a duplicate plat shall be furnished for preservation among the records of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County.

352. Whenever any road shall have been in use by the public for twenty years, though the same may never have been condemned or granted as a public highway, the County Commissioners of Baltimore County, if they deem public necessity requires the adoption of the same as such, shall declare the said road to be a public highway, with full power to relocate and straighten the same, in their discretion, and shall publish a notice to that effect once a week for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County; provided, said road shall not be less than thirty feet in width; and