

458. All office expenses, cost of books, necessary filing devices and stationery shall be paid out of the General Road and Bridge Fund as hereinafter provided.

463. Said Commissioners shall have prepared by the County Surveyor an official road map of the county, upon which shall be designated all county roads and the distance between intersections of roads or prominent thereon; whenever a new road shall be opened or accepted or an old road altered or closed its location or the fact that it has been altered or closed shall be properly designated on said map. Said Commissioners may, at their discretion, have fingerboards or sign posts placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point and may give suitable names to the county roads and change the same as they may see fit. It shall be the duty of said Commissioners to foster public interest in the public roads and, to this end, encourage the formation of road improvement associations and to hold not less than four public meetings in each year in different parts of the county for the discussion of road matters; reasonable notice of said meetings to be given by advertisement, and such meetings to be attended by the Roads Engineer and at least one member of the Board of County Commissioners.

Said County Commissioners shall have the power to let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of a road by contract when, in the judgment of said Roads Engineer, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given, where practicable, to the owners of land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of said Roads Engineer. Whenever any taxpayer of the county shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the County Commissioners shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the County Commissioners, and that its quality is approved by the Roads Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges shall be reduced to writing and all payments