

The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall be responsible to the County Commissioners for the proper expenditure of all money collected, by levy or otherwise, for county road and bridge purposes. He shall have power to employ so many and such mechanics and laborers as he may think necessary for the proper construction, care and maintenance of the county roads and fix the wages thereof. He shall have power to appoint so many and such assistants, inspectors, foremen and clerks as he may think necessary and to fix their salaries, subject to the approval of said County Commissioners. He shall have power to arbitrarily discharge any of his employees or appointees, without the consent of the County Commissioners, but whenever any one appointed by him and whose salary has been approved by the County Commissioners is discharged by him, he shall immediately notify said County Commissioners in writing of his action and of his reason or reasons therefor. He shall be the sole purchasing agent of all road supplies, materials and equipment of every kind for use on the county roads and bridges. But he shall make no purchase except on a written and signed requisition filed with him in duplicate. One copy shall be retained in his office. When the amount of the purchase does not exceed \$250 he shall make the same and immediately present the bill for the same with the other copy of said requisition attached, to the County Commissioners for payment. When the amount of the purchase will in his judgment exceed \$250 he shall first present one copy of said requisition to the County Commissioners for their approval and said Commissioners shall immediately act upon the same and when approved by them in writing said purchase shall be made by said Roads Engineer, after requesting bids therefor, and the bill for said purchase, together with the requisition approved by said County Commissioners with a memorandum of the bids received attached thereto, shall be immediately presented by said Roads Engineer to said County Commissioners for payment. Bills shall be paid promptly with a view of securing the largest possible discount. Requisitions, receipted bills and all other original papers and accounts shall be preserved in the office of the County Commissioners and be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of Baltimore County. The Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall inspect the roads and bridges of the county as often as may be necessary to thoroughly familiarize himself with the