

zens' Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and after petition of residents and hearing, as hereinafter provided, shall have power to assess the cost, or any part of the cost, of said grading, paving, macadamizing or improving against the property abutting on said street, road or lane, or sidewalk, in proportion to the frontage of said abutting property on the same; provided further, that upon the petition in writing of two-thirds of the residents owning property abutting upon any street, road or lane to be graded, paved, macadamized or otherwise to be improved under the provisions of this section requesting the grading, paving, macadamizing or otherwise improving of such streets, roads or lanes, it shall be the duty of the Drummond Citizens' Committee to make the said assessment against the abutting property to provide the funds for and cause to be performed the necessary work or construction to be done in accordance with the provisions herein provided; and provided further, that before any contract for work shall be entered into, or any obligation with respect thereto incurred, notice shall be given to the owners and others of record interested in said abutting property of a hearing at which they will be given an opportunity to be heard, such hearing to be had before said Drummond Citizens' Committee, which shall decide the matters properly brought before it; and any party affected by the final decision of said Drummond Citizens' Committee made after such hearing shall have the right to appeal therefrom within ten days to the Circuit Court of Montgomery County.

Any tax so assessed, as above provided in this section, shall be payable to the County Treasurer in from four to ten semi-annual installments, as nearly equal as may be, the first installment thereof to become due and payable within six months after the levy of said special tax as above provided, and each of the other said installments within six months after the preceding one shall have become due; each installment of said tax shall become a lien against said abutting property and shall bear interest from the date of levy thereof at the rate of six per centum per annum until paid; or said tax may be paid in full without interest during the first installment period, and if any of said installments thereof be not paid within thirty days after same shall have become due, the entire amount of said tax assessed to the person or persons or corporation in default, with interest, shall thereupon become due and payable, and may be collected in the same manner provided in the Act for the collection of unpaid taxes. And the said Drummond Citi-