

sary 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 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.

(B) 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 condition and requirements of the County generally and make such special examinations and report as the County Commissioners may require. He shall have full power to suspend work being done by contract if the same is not in his judgment being done according to the contract. Said Engineer shall annually on or before the 15th day of April in each year, or such later date as the County Commissioners may fix by resolution from time to time, make a written report to said County Commissioners covering the condition of the County roads and the improvements that have been made in each district in the twelve months ending on the last day of the preceding December, showing the amount and kind of material used on each road with a detailed statement of its cost and the amount and cost of labor on each road and the amount of money expended for road purposes in each district. Said report shall contain a concise statement of the amount of money expended in each district and a short summary of the work performed in each district, which concise statement and summary shall be published by the County Commissioners for two successive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation in Baltimore County and published therein.

(C) All materials and supplies to be used in performing any work under this Act, shall be requisitioned by the Roads Engineer through the Purchasing Agent of Baltimore County and shall conform to the standards and specifications set by said Roads Engineer. On all purchases of more than \$250.00 in amount, said Purchasing Agent shall advertise for bids, or, in his discretion, where sources of supply are limited, shall secure prices from two or more reputable sources of supply. All purchases, however made, shall be subject to approval of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County.

(D) On or before the first day of October in each year said Baltimore County Roads Engineer shall also submit a