altered and amended as to secure to the public a good, safe and convenient road, at an expense less than the laying out and construction of a new road, then the said alteration and amendment of the present road shall be made; otherwise, a new location and construction of a road, is hereby authorised and directed to be made by said commissioners, or a majority of them.

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SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That if a new road shall be deemed advisable by the commissioners above named, or a majority of them, they the said commissioners, are hereby authorised and empowered to employ such person or persons as they may deem most advantageous for the interest of the county, to construct the same, and on the final completion, and opening of said new road, the ground on which the present road is now travelled, shall revert to the original proprietors thereof and to their successors, and the present proprietors shall have full power and authority to close up the same, in any manner they may think proper.

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SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That if the commissioners above named, or a majority of them, shall deem it most advantageous for the public interest, to alter and amend the present road, they shall have for the same, power and authority as is vested in them by the third section of this act, to have the same so altered and amended.

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SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That the road commissioners shall return a full and accurate statement of all their proceedings to the commissioners of Allegany county, at their annual meeting in August next, when the county commissioners shall examine and record the same, and if the expenses for making a new road, or altering the old one, shall be deemed just and reasonable, they are hereby authorised to direct the same to be paid in the same manner that other road charges are paid in said county.

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SEC. 6. And be it enacted, That neither a new road, or any alteration or amendment shall be made in the old one, unless the proprietors of the land through which the same may pass, shall first consent and agree to relinquish the land for the use of the road, in either case, to Allegany county, free of all charges for the same.

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