

by the said Commissioners and shall have only such authority as granted by said Commissioners.

(2) Such employees shall receive not less than the hourly wage rate paid to State employees engaged in similar work on State Highways in Talbot County.

(3) Each such employee who has worked under the County Road Engineer for at least one year shall receive the same vacation, with pay, at a time to be designated by [said Engineer,] *the supervisor responsible as provided by the Commissioners,* and shall also be entitled to the same sick leave, with pay, in each year to which employees of the State Roads Commission with the same or similar classification are entitled.

413. If the [said engineer] *person so designated as the supervisor primarily responsible to the Commissioners* shall fail to keep the accounts or make the reports as herein set forth, or shall wilfully make false reports and accounts, he shall be liable to indictment by the grand jury of Talbot County; and, if convicted, in the Circuit Court thereof, shall be fined a sum in the discretion of the Court not exceeding [three hundred] *one thousand* dollars, or be imprisoned for not more than [six] *twelve* months, or both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court.

415. It shall not be lawful for the County Commissioners to open any new public road in Talbot county until they shall have such proposed road surveyed and platted [by the County Road Engineer] and an estimate in writing made ~~by him~~ of the cost of building such proposed road, including necessary bridges on the same, and any such new public roads which the County Commissioners may hereafter decide to open shall be built under the control and direction of [the County Road Engineer,] *a qualified person or persons designated by the Commissioners* and shall not be accepted and paid for by the County Commissioners until the [County Road Engineer] *said person or persons so designated by the Commissioners* has certified to said commissioners that the said road has been built according to the contract and specifications signed by the contractor, if such road is built ~~by~~ UNDER contract.

416. [The said County Road Engineer,] *Any person employed by the County Commissioners under this sub-title,* whenever requested by the County ~~Commissioner~~ COMMISSIONERS to do so, shall supervise all contract work on the county roads and bridges entered into by the said commissioners with the State Roads Commission, ~~or under the provisions of the Shoemaker Act, without extra compensation~~ OR ANY OTHER PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION.

419. It shall be unlawful for any person to plow or cultivate across the ditches of any public road in Talbot County, so as to fill them in whole or in part or to break up the roadbed or any part thereof in any manner whatever. Any person violating this Section shall be fined [the] *a sum [of five dollars] not to exceed one hundred dollars* for each and every offense and in addition thereto the County Commissioners shall cause such damage to be repaired and the owner of such lands shall pay the expense thereof with cost to be recovered in an action upon contract before [any Justice of the Peace] *the*