

WHEREAS, These sections have remained in the Code of said County because of the absence of official report of the referendum to the Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, It is desirable to clarify the legality of these sections by repealing them and enacting new sections in their stead; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 521 to 527, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Washington County (1957 Edition, being Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County", sub-title "Roads", be and they are hereby repealed, and that new Sections 521 to 527, inclusive, be and they are hereby enacted, to stand in the place and stead of the sections so repealed, and to read as follows:*

521. *Control over roads, bridges.*

*The County Commissioners of Washington County, in addition to their other powers and duties under the law, shall have charge and control over all the county roads, streets, alleys, highways and bridges and all matters pertaining thereto, in accordance with the provisions of Sections 521 to 527 hereof.*

522. *Same; meetings, records, contracts.*

*(a) The said County Commissioners shall meet once each week at the office of the County Commissioners of Washington County and may hold such other meetings as the proper discharge of their duties may require.*

*(b) They shall keep a journal of proceedings in which shall be entered all of their proceedings in detail, the correctness of the same to be attested each week by the President and the Clerk of the said Board of County Commissioners.*

*(c) They shall also keep books showing in detail the expenditures of moneys from the General Road and Bridge Fund on account of the roads and bridges thereof and by which books the condition of the General Road and Bridge Fund may be readily seen at any time, all of which said books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the County.*

*(d) They shall annually compile statistics relating to the public roads of Washington County and cause the same to be printed or published in one or more of the County newspapers. All maps, plans and statistics collected and compiled under their directions shall be preserved in their office and all contracts, agreements, grants and licenses made or entered into by the County Commissioners shall be recorded in books kept for that purpose, which shall always be open to the inspection of the public; the original copies of all reports to the County Commissioners and other papers not recorded shall be preserved in the office.*

*(e) Copies of such contracts, agreements, grants and licenses recorded as aforesaid and of the records of the proceedings of the said County Commissioners, when duly certified by the Clerk and the President of the said County Commissioners shall be accepted as evidence in all Courts of this State.*