

(f) Said County Commissioners shall make all necessary rules and regulations, which shall have the force and effect as laws, governing the time and method of paying for labor engaged on the county roads, the making of the payroll by the Road Engineer, and the books of accounts to be kept by him. The said County Commissioners may by their said rules and regulations require any person employed, or to whom a contract has been let, by the said Road Engineer to give bond conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties in such penalty as may be prescribed therein, and the further power to alter, repeal, modify and change said rules and regulations as they may see fit.

(g) All books and accounts in the office of the Road Engineer and in the office of the County Commissioners shall be open to inspection by any taxpayer of the County.

(h) All office expenses, costs of books, necessary filing devices and stationery shall be paid out of the General Road and Bridge Fund as hereinafter provided.

523. Same; sign-posts, contracts, regulations.

(a) The County Commissioners of Washington County may, at their discretion, have sign posts placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point and may give suitable names to the County roads and change the same as they may see fit.

(b) The said County Commissioners shall have the power to let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of road by contract, when, in the judgment of the said Road Engineer, such course is deemed advisable, in which case preference shall be given, where practicable, to the owners of the land directly interested in the proper care of such road or roads, and such work shall be done under the supervision of the said Road Engineer.

(c) All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges shall be reduced to writing and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Road Engineer of the work done under the contract.

(d) Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more, plans and specifications therefor may be prepared by the Road Engineer and bids therefor may be prepared by the Road Engineer and bids for the work invited by reasonable publication in such paper or papers as the County Commissioners may designate; but it shall not be obligatory upon the said County Commissioners to have any work done by contract if it be found that the same can be done at less expense by direct employment of the required labor or if in the opinion of the Road Engineer and/or the Board of County Commissioners an emergency exists of such nature as to require the speedy repair or reconstruction of a County road, street, alley, highway or bridge or other construction in connection therewith.

(D) WHENEVER WORK ON ANY ROAD OR BRIDGE INVOLVES AN OUTLAY OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) OR MORE, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS THEREFOR SHALL BE PREPARED BY THE ROAD ENGINEER OR SOMEONE DESIGNATED BY HIM, AND BIDS THEREFOR