

said county a sum of money of not less than (eight) thirteen thousand dollars nor more than (fourteen) twenty thousand dollars, for the purpose of paying for the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the roads of the said county; provided, however, that one-half, or ten thousand dollars, of the sum so levied in the years 1916, 1917, 1918 and 1919, shall be expended by the said Board of County Commissioners, in conjunction with the State Aid to Roads Fund, under the direction of the State Roads Commission of Maryland, as provided for by Chapter 225 of the Acts of 1904 and subsequent amendments thereto, for which said fund said Board shall make application in proper form, in the construction of a State-aid road from LaPlata to Riverside, in said Charles county, by way of Port Tobacco, McConchie, Welcome, Hill Top, Ironsides, Doncaster, Cross Roads, Grayton and Nanjemoy, as the public road now runs, but reserving to said Board of County Commissioners the right to vary therefrom for the purpose of relocation and saving of grades, provided the same general course is followed; the said construction to begin at the end of the State-aid road running west through LaPlata and so much thereof to be built each year as the funds above provided for will permit, said construction to be limited to an average cost not to exceed four thousand dollars per mile, one-half of which is to be paid by the county and one-half by the State, and to be built either by contract or by the county in conjunction with and under the direction and supervision of the State Roads Commission, in the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, and within the limitations as to costs, as aforesaid, and in the event the State Roads Commission will not consent to build the said road within the limitation herein provided, then said County Commissioners are empowered and directed to build same as a purely county road, at an average cost not to exceed fifteen hundred dollars per mile for entire route; and said County Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed, immediately after the passage of this Act, to make application to the State Roads Commission for the sum of ten thousand dollars out of the State Aid Fund allotted to Charles county for the year 1916, and to annually make such application for the years 1917, 1918 and 1919, to be expended as aforesaid upon the road from LaPlata to Riverside; and said Commissioners are hereby directed to begin or have begun the work upon said road as soon after the passage of this Act, as they can have the proper surveys made and enter into the proper contracts or make the proper arrangements for the construction of said road; and out of the