

[40. The board of County Commissioners are hereby authorized, empowered and required to adopt a scientific and thorough system of drainage and general improvement for the public county roads of Somerset County, whenever the same may be needed. To further this end, the said board are authorized to engage the services of a competent surveyor and engineer, who shall have charge of and superintend such drainage and improvements as shall be adopted. It shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer, on complaint of three or more citizens and taxpayers of the county, to go over, examine and report to the board of County Commissioners what, if any, drainage and other improvements are necessary for the road complained of, together with an estimate of the cost of doing the same, and if, in the judgment of said board, after receiving said report and estimate, said drainage shall be necessary, the said board shall order the said surveyor and engineer to proceed to lay off such ditch or ditches as may be necessary, and outlets for the same to some creek or branch which may be a natural drain with ascertained depth and width for the complete and perfect drainage of the same; and to advertise and let out the cutting, widening and cleaning of such ditch or making such improvement on same to the lowest bidder for cash, the time and character of such advertising to be such as may be adopted by said board. It shall be the duty of such surveyor and engineer to supervise the cutting or cleansing of such ditch or ditches, and other improvements, and no ditch or other improvements shall be received or paid for until after the same has been examined and reported by said surveyor and engineer to be perfect in all respects, and to conform to the requirements of the contract for cutting or making the same, and the drainage or other improvements of such road completely effected; and the said Board of County Commissioners shall have such power and authority to condemn outlets for such drainage through private property as is now or hereafter may be conferred by the Code of Public General Laws of the State of Maryland, for condemning public highways; and the said board are authorized to allow and pay said surveyor or engineer for his services, four dollars per day for every day he may be actually engaged in such service for the county.

41. In order to procure the money or moneys necessary to adopt such system of drainage and improvement of the public roads as provided for in the foregoing section the Board of County Commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to issue from time to time and put on the market bonds to be denominated, Somerset County Road Bonds, for an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in the aggregate which bonds shall be issued in amounts of not less than one hundred dollars for each bond, payable in forty years from the date thereof and bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, the interest to be provided for by levy on the assessable property of the county each year after the same or any part thereof have been issued and disposed of and said bonds shall not be subject to taxation for State, county and municipal purposes and after twenty years from the date of said bonds, the said Board of County Commissioners shall make provisions by levy annually for such amount as may be necessary to meet and pay the principal of said bonds at their maturity.

42. Said Board of County Commissioners shall be authorized and empowered to divide any election district in Somerset County in which