

road or portion of road by contract, when, in the ROAD ENGINEER'S judgment [of the said Road Engineer], [such] THAT course is [deemed] advisable.[, in which] IN THAT case preference shall be given, where practicable, to the owners of the land directly interested in the proper care of [such] THE road or roads, and [such] THE work shall be done under the supervision of the [said] Road Engineer.

(c) Contracts. 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) Bids. (1) Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of [five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)] \$5,000 or more, plans and specifications [therefor] FOR THEM shall be prepared by the Road Engineer or someone designated by him.[, and bids therefor]

(2) BIDS FOR THE WORK shall be prepared by the Road Engineer and [bids for the work] shall be invited by publication at least once a week for [two] 2 successive weeks in such daily paper or papers [as] the County Commissioners [may] designate.[; but it shall not be obligatory upon the said] THE County Commissioners DO NOT HAVE to have any work done by contract[, if, after bids have been received and opened, it is found that the same WORK can be done at less expense by direct employment of the required labor or if an emergency exists of such nature as to require the speedy repair or replacement of a county road, street, alley, highway or bridge or other construction in connection therewith. [Nothing in this] THIS subsection [shall] DOES NOT require bids when such work is to be done by the County Roads Department.

(e) Regulations. The County Commissioners [of Washington County shall have the power to make all such] MAY PROMULGATE AND REVISE rules and regulations [with reference to] REGARDING the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the County by telephone and telegraph companies, steam railroads and street railways companies, gas, water and electric light companies, and similar uses [thereof], and by individuals and the traveling public.[, as the] THE County Commissioners may PROMULGATE RULES THEY consider necessary for the proper protection of the [said] roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys, bridges of the County and the rights of the public IN THEM. [therein, and to] THEY MAY impose reasonable penalties for the violation of [such] THE rules and regulations and may make other necessary provisions for [the] THEIR enforcement [thereof, and shall have the right from time to time to change or alter the same]. All such rules and regulations, when adopted and recorded in a book or books kept for the purpose, shall have the force and effect of municipal ordinances regularly adopted by authority of the [Legislature of the State of Maryland] GENERAL ASSEMBLY.