

(f) Regulations. The County Commissioners may [promulgate rules and] ADOPT regulations, which have the force and effect of law, 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 County Commissioners, by their [rules and] regulations, may require any person employed, or to whom a contract has been let by the Road Engineer, to give bond conditioned upon the faithful discharge of their duties in such penalty as may be prescribed in it, and with the further power to alter, repeal, [modify] MODIFY, and change the [rules and] regulations as they see fit.

(g) Inspection of books. 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] COUNTY.

(h) Expenditures. All office expenses, cost of books, necessary filing [devices] DEVICES, and stationery shall be paid out of the General Road and Bridge Fund. (1959, ch. 590, sec. 522; 1970 ed. sec. 27-9; 1984, ch. 289)

7-204. Same; signposts, contracts, regulations.

(a) Signposts; road names. The County Commissioners may have [sign posts] SIGNPOSTS placed at road crossings or intersections designating the distance to the nearest prominent point and, SUBJECT TO § 7-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE, may give suitable names to the [County] COUNTY roads and change them as they see fit.

(b) Maintenance. The County Commissioners may let out the repair or maintenance of any road or portion of road by contract, when, in the [road engineer's] ROAD ENGINEER'S judgment, that course is advisable. In that case preference shall be given, where practicable to the owners of the land directly interested in the proper care of the road or roads, and the work shall be done under the supervision of the 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 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 \$5,000 or more, plans and specifications for them shall be prepared by the Road Engineer or someone designated by [him] THE ROAD ENGINEER.

(2) Bids for the work shall be prepared by the Road Engineer and shall be invited by publication at least once a week for 2 successive weeks in such daily paper or papers the County Commissioners designate. 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] HIGHWAY, or bridge or other construction in connection [therewith] WITH IT. This subsection does not require bids when [such] THE work is to be done by the County Roads Department.