

## Commissioners.

(d) Claims. All claims allowed and passed as aforesaid shall be approved by the President and attested by the Clerk of the County Commissioners. When so approved an order for the amount of the claim shall be drawn against the county [tax collector] TAX COLLECTOR who shall pay the amount out of the proper funds. (1959, ch. 590, sec. 527; 1970 ed. sec. 27-14; 1980, ch. 103; 1981, ch. 178; 1984, ch. 289)

## 7-206. Special road improvement districts.

## (a) Definitions.

(1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated[:].

(2) "Special road improvement district" means an area of land in the county which has frontage on a substandard private road in which improvements to the road will be funded from special assessments imposed on all the owners of the land in proportion to the lengths of their respective frontages, designated as a special road improvement district by the County Commissioners.

(3) "Private road" means a road not previously accepted into the [County] COUNTY road system.

[(3)] (4) "Owners" means owners of property included in the district.

(b) Authority to create; purpose. The County Commissioners may create special road improvement districts within the confines of the [County] COUNTY for the purpose of providing a method of funding the improvement of private roads in the [County] COUNTY to [County] COUNTY standards prior to acceptance in the [County] COUNTY road system. Only land which fronts on the road to be improved shall be included in a district and, of such land, only so much thereof as shall have at least an average depth in one ownership of 100 feet shall be included.

(c) Petition by owners. The procedures set forth in this subtitle for the creation of a special road improvement district may only be initiated by a petition signed by the owners of the land in the proposed district having over half of the frontage on the road. The petition may be developed and the signatures obtained either by 1 or more of the owners or by the County Commissioners.

(d) Commissioners' receipt of petition. Upon receipt of a petition or upon their own motion, if the County Commissioners developed and obtained the signatures to the petition, and before a district may be created, the County Commissioners shall:

(1) Cause an investigation to be made of the section of road to be improved; the investigation shall include a study of the condition of the road, the width of the right of way, the ownership and configuration of land fronting on the road, particularly with respect to the frontages and depths of the various tracts adjoining the road, the estimated cost of improving the road and any other matters which the County Commissioners may feel are relevant to the creation of a district[:]; AND

(2) Cause a public hearing to be held after written notice of the hearing and