

sue and be sued in the courts of this State in all matters pertaining to the highways and bridges over which they are given control by the provisions of this Act. It shall be the duty of each of the said County Commissioners, immediately upon the passage of this Act and thereafter at the time of qualifying as County Commissioners, in addition to the usual oath, to severally take and subscribe to an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County that he will, to the best of his skill and ability, diligently and faithfully execute his duties as Highways Commissioner, and that he will not during the time he remains such become pecuniarily interested in any contract for work done or material provided for the roads and bridges of Baltimore County, nor will he directly or indirectly receive any pecuniary profit or reward as such except as provided by law. The president of the Board of County Commissioners shall be *ex-officio* president of the Highways Commission; said Highways Commission shall designate the chief clerk and auditor to the County Commissioners as secretary of said commission; and said Highways Commission shall, at the time of its organization, as aforesaid, or thereafter, from time to time adopt such by-laws and rules of procedure for the orderly conduct of business as it may deem necessary. Said Highways Commission shall meet on Thursday in each week at the office of the County Commissioners of Baltimore County for the transaction of business connected with its duties under this Act, and may hold such other meetings as a proper discharge of its duties may require. It shall keep a journal of proceedings in which shall be entered all its proceedings in detail, the correctness of the same to be attested each week by the president and secretary of the commission. It shall also keep books showing in detail the expenditures of money in each election district of the county on account of the roads and bridges thereof and from what fund such expenditures were made, and by which books the condition of the general road and bridge fund and the several district funds may be readily seen at any time; all of which said books and records shall be open to the inspection of any taxpayer of the county. It shall annually compile statistics relating to the public roads of Baltimore County and cause the same to be printed or published in one or more of the county newspapers. All maps, plans and statistics collected and compiled under their direction shall be preserved in their office. All bills or claims on account of the roads or bridges of the county shall be passed upon by the commission at a regular or adjourned meeting, and no such claim involving the expenditure of more

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