

contract with the proper authorities of contiguous Counties as to the construction and maintenance of bridges over dividing streams, and with railroad or other corporations as to the construction and maintenance of bridges at highway crossings, is hereby vested in such Commissioners. Whenever said County Commissioners shall be of opinion that the public convenience requires the erection of a new bridge, or that an old bridge is in need of extensive or an unknown amount of repairs, they shall require the Roads Engineer to make plans, drawings, specifications and estimate of the probable cost of the same if it be a new bridge, and require said engineer to make examination of and specific report of needed repairs, with an estimate of the cost thereof, if the bridge be an old one; and upon such report the said County Commissioners shall take such action as they may believe the public convenience or the safety of travelers may require.

356. Said County Commissioners of Baltimore County, in addition to their other powers and duties under this Act, shall have full charge and control of all sewers, drains and ditches used in connection with the public highways, roads, streets, avenues, lanes, and alleys of the County, and shall keep the same in proper order and repair, subject to liability for the breach of their duties in such respect as municipal corporations are ordinarily subject. Whenever it shall become necessary, in their discretion, to lay out or construct any sewer, drain or ditch, across or under the property of any individual or corporation, for the purpose of draining the surface water from any public highway heretofore existing or hereafter dedicated by grant, condemned or declared to be a public highway, as provided in this Act, said County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall have the power to lay out and construct the same in the same manner and subject to the same provisions and restrictions, so far as the same may be applicable, as are provided for the opening, altering, re-locating or closing of County roads, and to assess the benefits and award the damages arising therefrom in the same manner. When any sewer, drain or ditch is so constructed for the purpose of carrying off surface water from the roads as aforesaid, said County Commissioners shall have the right to allow connections to be made therewith from private property, upon such terms as they may decide proper or just. The revenues derived from such source to be applied to the benefit of the County roads and highways.

357. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall make no contract for work or materials of any kind to be done