

payer of the County shall offer to haul stone or other hard material upon any public road of his district at the price paid for the same on such road or in such locality, the County Commissioners or road supervisor of the district shall give such taxpayer the preference, provided such stone or other hard material is in condition for spreading on the road when hauled, if so required by the County Commissioners or road supervisor for the district, and that its quality is approved by the Roads Engineer for use on the road upon which it is proposed to be used. All contracts made by the County Commissioners for the repair or construction of roads or bridges or for materials to be used on the roads shall be reduced to writing and all payments thereunder shall be subject to the approval by the Roads Engineer of the work done or materials furnished under such contract. Whenever work on any road or bridge involves an outlay of one thousand dollars or more, plans and specifications therefor shall be prepared by the Roads Engineer and bids for work invited by reasonable publication in such papers as the Commissioners may designate; but it shall not be obligatory upon the said Commissioners to have such work done by contract if it be found after receiving bids therefor that the same can be done more cheaply by direct employment of required labor. All material and supplies to be used on the roads and bridges involving a cost of more than two hundred and fifty dollars shall be contracted for after requesting bids for the same by reasonable publication in the county papers, as the said Commissioners may designate; all such material and supplies to be subject to the approval of the Roads Engineer. Said Commissioners shall have all stone crushers, rollers, scrapers and road materials and appliances now in the possession of the Highways Commission of Baltimore County for use in connection with said roads and all other property whatsoever now held by the County Commissioners of Baltimore County as the Highways Commission of Baltimore County, and may in their discretion purchase additions thereto. The County Commissioners of Baltimore County shall and may adopt all necessary and reasonable rules, regulations and orders with reference to the proper care, repair, improvement, construction and maintenance of the county roads and bridges, and shall have power to make all such rules and regulations with reference to the use of the roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the county by telephone and telegraph companies, steam railroad and street railway companies, gas, water and electric light companies, and similar uses thereof, as said Commissioners may consider necessary for the proper protection of said roads, streets, avenues, lanes, alleys and bridges of the county and the rights of the public therein, and impose reason-