

whether any and what amount in value of the damages will be caused thereby for which the owner or occupant of any rights or interest, claimed in any ground or improvement ought to be compensated, over and above the amount in value of benefits which will thereby accrue to said owner or occupant thereof, and ascertain what amount in value of benefits will thereby accrue to any lot or parcel of ground by or through which the same may pass, or improvements made, or any other property or to the owner or occupant thereof, and which said lot or parcel of ground, or the owner or occupant thereof ought to pay. They shall locate boundaries and prepare an explanatory map giving a description of the road opened, closed, extended, widened, straightened, or bridge or drain, which each separate lot or parcel of ground deemed to have sustained damage or received benefit, and they shall, within twenty days, return to the County Commissioners such maps, together with the amount of damage awarded such owner or occupant and the amount of benefits assessed to any lot or parcel of ground or the owner thereof, together with a certificate of their qualifications, which may be ratified or rejected or allowed or amended in whole or in part by the County Commissioners; provided, that the County Commissioners shall give ten days' notice at least by publication in a newspaper published in St. Mary's County or by ten days' notice at least in writing to each property owner so interested, of the time set for final action on the return of said examiners, and the County Commissioners shall act on said return within twenty days after the expiration of said notice, and may issue new commission, as in their judgment may seem proper; and before proceeding to actually open, widen, extend, straighten or close any such road, bridge or drain, the County Commissioners shall pay or render to the person, his agent, guardian or representative the amount of damages so awarded; and if anyone shall feel aggrieved by the decision of the County Commissioners in any matter affected by their decision, he may appeal to the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County by giving written notice within twenty days from said decision filed with the Clerk of the County Commissioners of his desire to appeal, and on filing of said notice it shall be the duty of said Clerk to deliver all papers connected therewith to the Clerk of the said Court, and the same proceedings shall be had on the appeal as in cases of appeal from judgments of justices of the peace; provided, nevertheless, that the County Commissioners may decline to open, lay out, extend, widen, grade or straighten any road, bridge or drain, notwithstanding the decision of the said Court; but in case of refusal to do so they shall be liable for all costs incurred and shall pay the same; all benefits assessed by virtue of the above provisions