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CHAPTER 403

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

Sec.

4051. Inspection of roads; assessments for repairs; agent to superintend repairs.

4052. Repair of roads and bridges; assessment; agents.

§ 4051. Inspection of roads; assessments for repairs; agent to superintend repairs

The county commissioners in September or October annually, by one or more of their board, shall make an inspection of all county roads, state and state aid highways and other roads originally located as town roads in the unorganized territory, deorganized towns and tracts of land in their counties and shall thereupon make an estimate of the amount needed for repairs, cutting bushes, maintenance, snow removal and improvements, so as to comply with the provisions of the state highway laws, and to otherwise make them safe and convenient for public travel for the following year and assess thereon not exceeding 3% of the valuation thereof, and shall assess on the county the balance of such amount if such amount of 3% is not sufficient to properly comply with the above requirements. Such assessments shall be made upon the total valuation of each unorganized township, deorganized town and lot or parcel of land not included in any township, according to the last state valuation, and shall not exceed 3% of the value thereof on the landowners. Such county commissioners shall cause so much thereof, as they deem necessary for the purpose aforesaid, to be expended on said roads within 5 years from the date of assessment, which assessment shall create a lien thereon for the payment thereof. They shall make such assessment not later than April 1st of the following year and lists containing the road repair tax millage rate and the total amount of such tax assessed upon each unorganized township, deorganized town and lot or parcel of land not included in any township, according to the last state valuation, shall immediately be certified and transmitted by the county treasurer to the State Tax Assessor. The State Tax Assessor shall determine the amount of tax due, in accordance with Title 36, section 1142, and shall include such amounts in the statements referred to in Title 36, section 1145. Collection of such road repair taxes shall

be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes. The county commissioners at the time the taxes provided for by this section are assessed may appoint an agent or agents, skilled in road building, not members of their board, to superintend the expenditure thereof, who shall give bonds as provided in section 4102.

R.S.1954, c. 89, § 65; 1957, c. 227.

§ 4052. Repair of roads and bridges; assessment; agents

County commissioners, in case of sudden injury to county roads and bridges in unincorporated townships and tracts of land in their counties or where said roads and bridges are rendered impassable by snow, may cause them to be repaired or made passable forthwith or as soon as they deem necessary, and may appoint an agent or agents, not members of their own board, to superintend the expenditure therefor, who shall give bond as required in section 4102, if required, the whole expense whereof shall be added to their next assessment on said lands for repairs authorized by section 4051, which assessment shall create a lien upon said lands for the whole amount thereof as effectually as is now provided in relation to repairs on such county roads. That portion of such assessment, which is for repairs of sudden injuries shall be set down in the assessment in distinct items and shall be enforced in the same manner as provided for the enforcement of collection of county taxes.

R.S.1954, c. 89, § 68.