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4. Whenever the County Engineer's estimated cost of a bridge exceeds the sum of \$40,000.00, the Board of County Commissioners shall pass a resolution declaring the bridge a necessity, and when so declared, submit the question of whether or not the same shall be constructed to the qualified voters of the County at any succeeding general election or at a special election called for that purpose. If a majority of the qualified voters voting on the proposition shall be in favor of the construction, then the Board of County Commissioners shall appropriate money to pay for the same and provide for its payment by orders on the County Treasurer, payable in such sums and at such times as may be agreed upon by the Board. But in no case shall such orders be given for a larger time than five years from the completion of the building or repairing of said bridge, and for the payment of such orders the Board of County Commissioners shall levy a county bridge tax in addition to all other taxes sufficient to pay the same as they become due.

5. When it is decided by the Board to build a bridge, the Board shall determine the manner in which the same shall be built, and direct the County Engineer to prepare plans for the same, which plans shall be filed with the County Board and are subject to the approval of the Board, and before notice of letting contracts for the same is published, the County Engineer shall prepare and furnish to the Board a sworn estimate of the cost of the same. In such case, the Board has power and authority to employ other Engineers to assist the County Engineer, but no engineer shall be employed by the Board to assist the County Engineer who is in the employ or has any connection whatever with any bridge firm or contractor or person interested in the project.

6. That all bridges or culverts built in this state at county expense, or for which the county has granted aid, shall be known as "County Bridges" or "County culverts" and shall be maintained hereafter under the direction of the County Board and County Engineer at County expense. All bridges or culverts on township roads at the expense of the several townships without county aid shall be known as "Township bridges" and "Township culverts," and shall be maintained hereafter under the direction of the township board and the county engineer at township expense.