

(2) UNLESS ACQUIRED AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY NOT ACQUIRE USED PERSONAL PROPERTY IF THE PRICE EXCEEDS \$5,000 UNLESS THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FIRST OBTAIN TWO INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS OF THE PROPERTY.

20-18.

C. When deemed necessary or advisable to purchase trucks or other road-building or repair equipment, [it shall be necessary for] the County Commissioners [to advertise for bids on any purchases where the purchase price exceeds one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.), and they] shall make all due and reasonable effort to [purchase] OBTAIN the same at the lowest possible price [and, except in cases where equipment can be obtained to the advantage of the county by purchasing at public or forced sales, shall circularize local or other dealers handling or selling the type of equipment needed, giving all specifications and requirements]. ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 20-14 OF THIS CHAPTER. The County Commissioners may trade in old equipment on new purchases or dispose of old equipment whenever they deem the same advisable or expedient. The County Commissioners shall budget the amount to be expended for road machinery and equipment each year.

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(1) (1) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$15,000 and to require bonds in connection with the work or contracts, regardless of the amount, whenever the county commissioners consider it proper to require a bond; and if no bids are submitted in response to any request for bids, to place the order in a manner that the county commissioners consider appropriate.

9D.

(a) This section applies only to the following counties:

- (1) Calvert County,
- (2) Caroline County,
- (3) Charles County,
- (4) Dorchester County, and
- (5) Garrett County.

(b) The County Commissioners in the exercise of their borrowing powers may:

(1) Purchase or lease any personal property necessary or desirable for the operation of their respective county, pursuant to a multiyear contract requiring that the County Commissioners of the purchasing or leasing county make installment or rental payments during 2 or more fiscal years;