

County Commissioners are hereby prohibited, and it shall be unlawful for them to contract for said site or the erection of a jail, or the erection and furnishing of said court-house and offices, until the levy shall have been made for the several purposes set forth in this section respectively.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if said County Commissioners shall find it impracticable to contract for a site, except on disadvantageous terms, then they are authorized and required, by a writ *ad quod damnum*, to condemn any lot or parcel of land for said site of court-house and jail, the cost of said legal proceedings and the sum awarded to be paid as other expenses incurred in the erection and furnishing of said court-house and jail are paid. Impracticable.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That the said County Commissioners shall, as speedily as possible, procure a site, and adopt a plan and specifications for said building; and they shall invite sealed proposals, by publication for a reasonable time, for building the court-house and jail, and furnishing the same; and that the party or parties proposing to build the said court-house and jail, and the party or parties proposing to supply the furniture for the same, shall present their proposals in sealed envelopes, to be deposited with said County Commissioners or their clerk; which proposal shall set forth the amount of money for which he or they propose to do the work or supply the furniture; and good and sufficient security shall be taken by the County Commissioners from the party or parties contracting, in the name of Wicomico county, as security for the faithful performance of such contract as may be entered into; and that the contract or contracts for building such court-house and jail and furnishing the same, shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Adopt a plan and specifications

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the said County Commissioners are authorized, should they deem it necessary, to employ a capable architect, at a reasonable compensation, to prepare plans and specifications for said court-house and jail, and superintend the building of same under their general supervision; and on the completion and furnishing of said court-house and jail, on or before the first day Proposals
Employ architect