

engineering, clerical and other force and help as in their judgment are necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act, may discharge such appointees at pleasure, and may exact from them such indemnity bonds as they may deem proper. The Commissioners shall publish annually in one or more newspapers published in Baltimore County a full and true account of their receipts, expenses and expenditures under this Act. Prior to such publication, their accounts shall be audited by a certified public accountant to be employed and paid by the Commissioners out of such Metropolitan District or Sub-district Funds as may at the time be available.

1924, ch. 539, sec. 3. B. Co. C. (1928), sec. 329.

**329.** Whenever it shall be deemed necessary by the Commissioners to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, any stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property, either in fee or as an easement, within or without the Metropolitan District, except within the territorial limits of Baltimore City, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water supply, water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or for any sewage disposal plant, reservoir, water purification plant, tank or pumping station, or for any other purpose under this Act, the Commissioners may purchase the same from the owners, or, failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same, except within the territorial limits of Baltimore City, by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the county in which said land, structures or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property is situated, as now provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and the Commissioners may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having an interest in said land, structures, or buildings, source of water supply, stream bed, water way, water rights, water shed, franchises, water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or other property. At any time after ten days following the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the commissioners may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant; at the time of said payment, however, they shall give their corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment on such appeal or further proceeding. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the properties, plants, franchises and rights of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or to any property, plants, franchises and rights that may be hereafter acquired by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore for the protection or enlargement of its water supply, sewerage storm water drainage, or refuse disposal systems or any other of its utility properties, except by and with the consent of the Mayor and City Council of said