

3. The number of county commissioners in each county shall be as fixed by the code of local law for each county.

Id s 8
1853, c 872,
1854, c 297
Number of

4. They shall meet in their respective counties within sixty days after their election, and qualify by taking the oaths required by law, and shall meet once a quarter, and as much oftener as the necessities of the county may in their judgment require; *provided, however*, that the meeting to make the annual levy of taxes shall be held previous to the first day of July in each year.

Id s 4
1853, c. 239, s 4
When to meet
and qualify

Proviso

5. They shall levy all needful taxes on the assessable property within the county liable to taxation, and provide for collecting the same, and they may make such levy in whole or in part by estimate; they shall provide for the support of the courts, compensate jurors and county or State witnesses, levy for out pensions allowed by themselves or the trustees of the poor, and such sums as may be necessary to pay accounts allowed by them for the funeral expenses of paupers, and pay and discharge all claims on or against the county which have been expressly or impliedly authorized by law.

Id s 5
1853, c 239, s 2,
1817, c 78, 1823,
c 62, 1835, c
307

To levy and pro-
vide for collec-
tion of taxes
12 Md 341, 20
Md 449, 44 Md 1

6. They shall allow no claim against the county not properly chargeable to the same, and to which the claimant shall not produce a legal voucher.

Id s 6.
1794, c 53, s 11
Allowance of
claims

7. The county commissioners of any county in this State, in awarding any contract for work to be done, and in agreeing and contracting for the doing thereof, shall make every such contract in writing, and shall require and demand of the party or parties with whom said agreement or contract is made, full and ample security, by bond, for the true and proper performance of said work in accordance with the terms and specifications of said agreement or contract.

1870, c 333, s 102.
Contracts to be
in writing and
secured by
bond.

8. It shall not be lawful for any county commissioner, during his term of office, to hold, possess, purchase, or acquire any share or interest in any agreement or contract made, entered into, or concluded with any party or parties whomsoever, by the county commissioners of his county, in their character and capacity as such commissioners, or to have, receive, enjoy, or participate, either directly or indirectly, in any of the benefits, profits, or emoluments of any such agreement or contract.

1870, c 333, s. 103
Not to have any
interest in con-
tracts

9. It shall not be lawful for any county commissioner, during his term of office, to accept, hold, purchase, or acquire any claim on or against the county of which he is a commissioner, or any share or interest in any such claim, which said claim has been or is to be passed upon and approved by the board of county commissioners of which he is a member.

1870, c 333
Shall not hold
claim against
county.

10. If any county commissioner shall violate any of the provisions of the two preceding sections, he shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit his office, and shall also forfeit his share in the agreement, contract, or claim, as aforesaid, as the case may be.

Penalty.