

ment or advertisements as the day for opening said bids for proposals thereby called for they shall receive such sealed proposals for the purchase of as many of such bonds as may be mentioned and designated in said advertisement, and on the opening of such sealed proposals as many of said bonds as have been so bid for shall be awarded by the County Commissioners to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash, if the price, in the judgment of said Commissioners, be adequate, and when two or more bidders have made the same bid and said bid is the highest and the bonds so bid by the highest responsible bidders are in excess of the whole amount of the bonds so offered for sale, such bonds shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidders bidding the same price in a ratable proportion, and if any of such certificates to be offered for sale are not bid for or if an insufficient price be bid for them, in the discretion of said Commissioners, they may be subsequently disposed of by the said County Commissioners for Charles County at private sale, upon the best terms that can be obtained for the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the County Commissioners of Charles County be and they are hereby directed to appoint a Board of three persons to prepare, or cause to be prepared, plans for the erection of a County Hospital for Charles County of such material as may be selected by the said Board, and said Board shall invite sealed proposals by advertisement, to be inserted in such newspapers as it shall deem proper, for the construction and completion of said work, which proposals shall be sealed in envelopes, and shall be publicly opened on the day and hour named in said advertisement; said proposals shall set forth the amount of money for which parties proposing will construct and complete the building including heating apparatus, according to the specifications and at the time or times at which payments thereof shall be made, and the time when said building shall be completed; and the said Board shall award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder giving satisfactory bond to the State of Maryland, in such penalty as said Board shall determine, conditioned for the faithful performance of the contract entered into and which said bond shall be liable to suit by the Board appointed under the provisions of this Act for the violation of its conditions; reversing to the said Board the right to reject any and all bids.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Board is hereby authorized, in its discretion, to employ a skillful and competent architect, under whose control and super-