

239. The County Commissioners of Montgomery County are hereby authorized and empowered to levy annually a tax on all the property of Montgomery County assessed for County tax purposes an amount sufficient for carrying out the following charitable and social relief functions: extending relief to, and providing for the care and maintenance of, indigent persons, including care at State of other hospitals; providing public work for unemployed during times of economic emergency; providing for the care and maintenance of children who are without proper care and guardianship and without adequate support; and other family welfare and general charitable and social relief activities.

240. The County Commissioners may from time to time whenever they deem it advisable (1) in administering any such function as provided for in Section 239 avail themselves of the services of any existing private social welfare agency in the county; and (2) consolidate and place the administration of any and, or all such functions in any public social welfare agency to be established by the County Commissioners or in any existing private social welfare agency in Montgomery County to be designated by said County Commissioners; Provided, That any social welfare agency so availed of, established, or designated shall have a qualified professional staff and adequate standards of administration.

240A. If in carrying out any of such functions as provided for in Sections 239 or 240, the County Commissioners avail themselves of the services of any existing private social welfare agency, such public official as the County Commissioners may designate shall be a member of the managing board, or any executive committee thereof, of such agency, and shall keep the County Commissioners at all times informed as to the manner of expenditure of any public funds by such agency, and such agency shall make an annual report of all its receipts and expenditures to the County Commissioners.

240B. Any sums derived by the County Commissioners from the levy of taxes as provided for in Section 239, or from any other source, for charitable or social relief purposes, may be expended by the County Commissioners through any social welfare agency availed of, established, or designated under Section 240. All levies and appropriations heretofore made by the County Commissioners