

tion, they shall advertise by notice in such newspapers and technical press as they may deem proper, for bids for the construction of said system, in parts or as a whole, as in their judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the President and Commissioners of North East may reject all bids, and, if in their discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable, they may re-advertise the work or any part of it, or may do any part or all of the work by day labor, provided that at any time the President and Commissioners of North East may, in their discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding One Thousand Dollars without advertising or receiving bids. The President and Commissioners of North East may purchase the necessary pipe, fire hydrants, valves, specials, tanks, pumps, motors, engines, or such other equipment and materials if, in their discretion, they deem it advisable, and may advertise as aforesaid for bids for the construction of said system in parts, or as a whole, using said equipment and materials as in their judgment may be deemed advisable. All such contracts may be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the President and Commissioners of North East shall require, all of which shall be enforceable in any court having jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the President and Commissioners of North East for the purpose of assessing benefits for the construction of said system of water supply and/or sewage disposal, shall divide all properties binding upon a street, lane, alley, or right-of-way, in which a water or sewer main is to be laid, into four classes, namely: agricultural, small acreage, industrial, or business, and sub-division property. Immediately upon the commencement of the system of water supply and/or sewage disposal, the President and Commissioners of North East are empowered and directed to fix and levy a benefit charge upon all property abutting upon said water main, in accordance with the classification, and shall in writing notify all owners of said properties into which class their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also in said notice a time and place when and at which said owners will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises, or in the case of vacant or unimproved property, posted upon the premises. The classification of and benefit assessed against any property as made by the President and