

to the Roads Department or equivalent body of any county which complies with this Act.

(f) If the County Commissioners of any County shall desire to avail themselves of the provisions of either Sub-Sections (d) or (e) of this Section, they shall notify the State Roads Commission before September 1st of their intention to avail themselves of the provisions thereof for the succeeding two fiscal years. In the event that the County Commissioners of any County shall avail themselves of the provisions of Sub-Sections (d) or (e) of this Section, the State Roads Commission or the Comptroller shall before any monies are paid over to the Commissioners of such County, reimburse the said Commission for any sums due by such County for monies expended in said County by said Commission under Sub-Section (a) or (b) of this Section.

(g) If, upon the effective date of this sub-section, as amended, any county has in the Lateral Road Gasoline Tax Fund any unexpended balance not required for obligations already incurred, such funds shall be spent in accordance with this section as hereby amended.

(h) In Garrett County no material, equipment or any other supplies of a value exceeding \$100.00 and necessary for the construction, reconstruction or maintenance of any county road or bridge, shall be purchased, leased, hired or otherwise acquired except by contract after receiving sealed competitive bids therefor as hereinafter provided. Notice of their intention to receive such bids shall be published by the County Commissioners in at least two County newspapers of general circulation in Garrett County for at least two successive weeks and such notice shall fix a date, not more than 10 days after the second such notice, for the opening of said bids. All bids submitted pursuant to such notice shall be publicly opened and read aloud by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners on the day specified in the published notice, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. Provided, however, that said County Commissioners shall not expend more than \$10,000 for road machinery and equipment in any year.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1941.

Approved May 26, 1941.