

improvements or construction may be used in addition to and in conjunction with any available State or Federal funds, and the said County Commissioners are hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the State Roads Commission or any Department or Bureau of the Federal Government with regard to such improvements and as may be required by the terms of said contract to pay the funds contracted to be paid to said Commission or Federal Bureau or Department.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the County Commissioners shall, within twenty (20) days of the effective date of this Act, appoint five (5) persons residing within the Metropolitan Area to be known as the Advisory Board to the County Commissioners and who are designated and appointed as said Board to serve for a period of two (2) years from the effective date of this Act and until a successor, or successors, are designated or appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland. Said Board shall be a self-perpetuating body and the members thereof shall elect, from time to time, the successor or any member of said Board who refuses to serve, dies, or resigns, or is disqualified by reason of his removal from the Metropolitan District of said County, provided, that any such successor shall be a resident of said Metropolitan District. The members of said Board shall serve without pay; shall elect a chairman and secretary and shall appoint and employ such clerical help and secure such engineering and professional assistance as they may need, subject, however, to the approval of the County Commissioners of said County as to any expenditures of money therefor; and shall be entitled to copies of records, maps, plats and designs of any of the public agencies of said County, without payment therefor. Said Board shall immediately upon appointment proceed to develop a plan, or plans, for the expenditures of the funds allocated herein, annually, and shall within four (4) months after the effective date of this Act, submit their plans and recommendations to the County Commissioners of said County, who shall within thirty (30) days either approve or disapprove said recommendations, or any of them, and after disapproval of any item, the said Board shall forthwith make further recommendations so that there shall be expended, with the approval of the said County Commissioners, not less than the sum allocated for any one calendar year. The County Commissioners shall not expend or contract to expend any part of the proceeds of said bonds except upon the recommendation of said Board. Said Board shall at least ten (10) days before it makes any recommendation to the County Commissioners hold a public hearing at the County Service Building, and shall give consideration to such objections and criticisms as