

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That three new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Talbot County," sub-title "County Commissioners," said new sections to be known as Sections 69C, 69D and 69E, to follow immediately after Section 69 of said Article, and to read as follows:

69C. The County Commissioners of Talbot County shall have the following express powers:

(1) To acquire by purchase or condemnation real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the County and to sell at public or private sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the County when no longer needed for public use;

(2) To grant any franchise or right to use any county highway, street, lane, alley or bridge for a period not longer than 25 years upon such terms, conditions and compensation as said commissioners may deem proper;

(3) To provide for the appointment and removal of all county officers except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or Public General Laws;

(4) To fix and prescribe the salary or compensation of all appointed officers and employees of the County, and to prescribe and provide for the payment of the traveling and other expenses of the State's Attorney and all appointed officers and employees of the county incurred in the performance of their official duties;

(5) To provide for the prompt collection of all taxes due the county by authorizing discounts or imposing penalties;

(6) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$500 and to require bonds in connection with said work or contracts, whenever deemed proper;

(7) To provide for grading, paving, regrading, repaving, curbing, recurbing, or repairing any road, now or hereafter condemned, ceded, opened, widened, extended or straightened as public property and for levying for the cost thereof on the assessable basis of the county;

(8) To fix the allowance or compensation to the Sheriff or other person for boarding and keeping prisoners in the county jail.

69D. No ordinance or resolution shall be adopted by the county commissioners for the sale of any property