

premiums on all bonds. All checks issued by said Commission shall be countersigned by the Chairman. The said Commission shall annually have its accounts audited by a certified public accountant, to be selected by said Commission, and paid by said Commission, and publish a full, true and itemized account, under oath, of its receipts and disbursements in a newspaper published in said county.

463B. The members of said Commission shall be a body corporate, by the name of the "Allegany County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this sub-title as "the Commission"), with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this sub-title. Whenever it shall be deemed necessary by said Commission to take or acquire any land, structure or buildings, or any stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed, either in fee or as an easement, within or outside of Allegany County, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or any sewage treatment plant, reservoir, water treatment plant, storage tank or pumping station, or for the execution by the Commission of any other power or function vested in it by this sub-title, said Commission may purchase the same from the owners, or failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn the same by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the county in which said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed is located, as are provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Public General Laws of Maryland, now or hereafter in effect, and said Commission may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having any right or interest in said land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in said proceedings, the Commission may enter and take possession of the property so condemned, upon first paying to the Clerk of the Court the amount of said award and all costs taxed to that date, notwithstanding any appeal or further proceedings upon the part of the defendant. At the time of said payment, however, the Commission shall give its corporate undertaking to abide by and fulfill any judgment in such appeal or further proceedings.

463C. Whenever twenty-five property owners, residing in any locality in Allegany County, outside of the corporate limits of the City of Cumberland, the City of Frostburg and the Town of Westernport, shall in writing petition the Commission to have said locality (the boundaries whereof shall