

necessary and shall appropriate sufficient funds for the administration of this sub-paragraph.]

3. *Prescribe the duties, powers and functions of any officer, employee, or board appointed by it or under its supervision, and to require any officer or employee to give bond in such form and penalty as it may prescribe and pay for such bond out of the general funds of the County.*

4. Provide for a County Police Force and shall establish a system of merit examinations therefor.

[5. Appoint and designate a County Purchasing Agent for the purchase of supplies, materials and equipment for all County Departments and offices. The Board shall prescribe rules and regulations for the procurement of materials and supplies. Said Agent shall provide accurate records of such purchases and procurement and shall maintain same in such condition as to be readily available to the public.]

5. *Prescribe rules and regulations for procurement of materials, supplies, and public work.*

[6. Establish the Department of the Budget. The Supervisor and Administrator thereof shall be the County Comptroller. Subject to the aforesaid, the budget of the County shall be administered as otherwise provided by law.]

6. *Adopt a system of budgetary control and audit of all County funds.*

[7. Establish a County Personnel Office. The appointment of all employees, except those whose appointment or election is provided for by the Constitution or Public General or Public Local Laws, shall be administered by said Personnel Office. The Board shall establish salaries and compensation for employees. It shall appoint a competent person, with at least five years' experience in personnel work to supervise said office. The Board shall have the power to require any officer or employee to give bonds in such form or penalty as it may prescribe. The Board shall also require the Personnel Office to adopt procedures and methods for the discharge of employees or officers of the County. The Board, however, shall be the final authority. In the event any employee or officer shall feel aggrieved, he may petition the Board for a hearing within five days notice of his termination, and shall be given a prompt hearing, at which he may be represented by counsel. The Board shall forthwith render a decision, which decision shall be final.]