

*equitable price with due regard to the age and condition of the same. In the event said two bodies are unable to agree on the price of said equipment, they are hereby authorized and empowered, in their joint discretion, each to select an arbiter and the two arbiters so named to select a third arbiter, a majority of whom shall fix the price thereof, and the price so fixed shall be final and binding upon both parties.*

*245. The County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized and directed, in their discretion, to create surpluses from time to time out of revenues received, not exceeding the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) in the aggregate at one time, for use from time to time as said Commissioners shall determine in supplementing the budgeted expenditures estimated for the current year in carrying out the roads program of the County, the school program, or for any other lawful County purpose.*

*246. The County Commissioners of Wicomico County are hereby authorized and empowered from time to time, in their discretion, to invest in United States Government bonds or evidences of indebtedness unexpended revenues received from taxation, bond sales, lawful distributions to it of funds from other governmental agencies or any other funds properly received by it until it determines the funds are needed for proper public purposes.*

*247. Any employees, including the County Roads Engineer, taken over by the County Roads Board within the first three (3) months of its existence under this sub-title who have until then been contributing to and have been covered by the State Retirement System shall, for the purpose of enabling them in their discretion to thereafter continue the benefits of the State Retirement System while working for the County Roads Board, be considered as employees of the County Roads Board but not as employees of the County Commissioners of Wicomico County. Such employees may, however, and all new employees of said County Roads Board, shall be considered as employees of the County Commissioners of Wicomico County for the purpose of securing Social Security Benefits under the provision of Article 73B, Sections 31 to 37 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1951 Edition).*

*248. The power and authority conferred upon the County Commissioners of Wicomico County, Maryland*