

to time the Commission may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this sub-title. The annual salary of each of said Commissioners shall be determined by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, but said annual salary for the Chairman shall not exceed \$1,200.00, and that of the other members shall not exceed \$900.00, and shall be payable quarterly. The Secretary-Treasurer appointed by the Commission shall be the collector of all charges and assessments made by the Commission, and shall receive and account for all moneys which shall be due and payable to said Commission from any source whatsoever. All moneys deposited shall be protected by a depository bond, or by such other securities as may be approved by the said Commission. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond to the State of Maryland to the amount of \$10,000 with a good and sufficient surety to be approved by the said Commissioners, with the condition "that if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute his office and shall account to the said Commission for all moneys which he shall receive for account of the Commission, or be answerable for by law, then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect." The said bond, when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for St. Mary's County; and the person so appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office shall take an oath before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for said county, in form similar to that taken by collectors of taxes, except as to the title of the office. The Commission is hereby empowered to pay the 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.

176. The members of said Commission shall be a body corporate, by the name of the "St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this Act 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 St. Mary's 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 Act, 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