

manner of paying same as the Board deems necessary to carry out its duties under this sub-title.

(d). In addition to their salaries or compensation above referred to, the members, appointees and employees of the County Roads Board shall receive travel and other actual expenses incurred in the course of their employment as deemed necessary by the County Roads Board.

373. The County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County are hereby authorized and empowered, at such time as jurisdiction over and control of the county roads system of Queen Anne's County is returned to the county, to purchase from the State Roads Commission of Maryland, and the State Roads Commission is hereby authorized to sell, such road equipment as may by mutual agreement between them be determined to be available, for sale and necessary for continued use on the county roads system of the county. Such equipment shall be purchased out of the general funds of the county (and if funds are not available from the current year's budget, the county may borrow or use other funds temporarily for that purpose and include the same in the next year's budget) at a fair and 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 the 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.

374. The County Roads Board of Queen Anne's County is 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 the Board shall determine in supplementing the budgeted expenditures estimated for the current year in carrying out the roads program of the county.

375. Any employees, including the County Roads Engineer, transferring from the State Roads Commission or other State employment to the County Roads Board within the first three months of its existence under this sub-title, who have until then been contributing to and have been covered by the State Employees Retirement System, shall in their discretion have the privilege of continuing the benefits of the State Retirement System while working for the County Roads Board. Nothing in this section shall be construed to require any such employees of the County Roads Board to continue their membership in the State Retirement System nor to require or permit any new employees to become members of the State Retirement System.

375. 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