

*rebuilt or constructed shall have proper width, grade, alignment, and drainage.*

*(6) Subject to the approval of the County Commissioners, to select the necessary employees to carry out the duties of his department. Such employees are under the Director's supervision, and he has the power to discharge employees. Whenever the Director exercises his power to discharge employees, he shall give a written report to the County Commissioners stating the reason for such action.*

*(7) To keep accurate books of account and records reflecting the cost of maintenance, construction, and such other factors as good accounting practice requires and as approved by the County Commissioners; to report to the County Commissioners on their first regular meeting in each month or oftener if necessary for the purpose of giving an exact statement to them of all work done or contemplated, and the cost thereof.*

*(8) To assist the County Commissioners in the acquisition and maintenance of public dumps or sanitary landfills, and to perform such duties in connection with the servicing of garbage districts as the County Commissioners may designate.*

*(9) To supervise the construction and maintenance of such public buildings and parking lots as the County Commissioners may submit to his care, custody, and control.*

*(10) To organize his department into the divisions necessary to provide efficient administration of the duties of the department.*

*(11) To administer any building, or similar Code adopted by the Board of County Commissioners.*

*(b) The Director of Public Works shall examine and certify to the correctness of all bills and accounts for work and materials furnished for any of the roads, bridges or other construction, or repair work done by the county under his supervision; and of the correctness of all expenditures for or in connection with the purchase, repair, maintenance or operation of any of the aforementioned machinery or equipment; and for all supplies purchased for any of the above-mentioned purposes. He has power to purchase materials necessary for the proper performance of his duties where the amount of such purchase does not exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), but he must submit the vouchers for such purchases to the County Commissioners for their approval before these bills are paid. If the amount or estimated amount of said purchase is in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), he must first secure the approval of the County Commissioners, who may, in their discretion, direct that the materials or equipment desired be sought by competitive bidding in such manner and in accordance with such specifications as they may direct; and upon receipt of such bids, the County Commissioners may accept the bid which in their judgment is best under the circumstances, giving proper weight to the nature of the supplies or equipment offered by the suppliers and the cost thereof.*

*(c) Whenever in the judgment of the County Commissioners or the Director it is deemed advantageous to award a contract to an independent contractor for the construction, relocation, roadside maintenance, or repair of any road, bridge, or other duly authorized building in Harford County which is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works and the labor and materials of which*