

theless be valid and sufficient for all purposes the same as if he had remained in office until such delivery. Said bonds may, by any such resolution, be issued in coupon or in registered form or both, and provision may be made for the registration of said bonds having coupons attached, as to principal alone and also as to both principal and interest, and for the reconversion of said bonds into coupon form if any such bonds shall have been registered as to both principal and interest. Such bonds shall not be subject to the provisions of Sections 9, 10, and 11 of Article 31 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1957 Edition) but said County shall offer said bonds only by solicitation of competitive bids therefor at public sale. Said bonds may be sold for such price or prices as may be determined to be for the best interests of the County, either at, above or below the par value of any such bonds, but no such sale shall be made at a price so low as to require the payment of interest on the money received therefor at more than six per centum (6%) per annum, computed with relation to the absolute maturity of the bonds in accordance with standard tables of bond values, excluding, however, from such computation the amount of any redemption premium. Upon delivery of any of said bonds to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, payment therefor shall be made to the Treasurer of Harford County or such other official of the County designated to receive such payment in a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Harford County before such delivery.

In addition to making provision for the above-described terms and conditions of any group or series of bonds issued hereunder, the County shall likewise fix the terms and conditions of the public sale of such group or series of bonds and shall adopt a suitable form of notice of sale, which shall briefly outline said terms and conditions in accordance with the provisions hereof by an appropriate resolution. Said notice shall be published in one or more daily or weekly newspapers having a general circulation in the County, and may also be published in one or more journals having a circulation primarily among banks and investment bankers. At least one publication of the notice of sale shall be made not less than ten (10) days before the sale of said bonds. Said notice shall offer said bonds to the highest bidder or bidders therefor, and shall state how said highest bidder or bidders will be determined. Said notice of sale shall specify the date, place and hour at which bids for said bonds will be received and opened and the bonds awarded. It shall also specify that each bid shall be made in writing by a sealed proposal and shall be accompanied by a good faith deposit in a fixed or determinable amount as security for compliance by the bidder with his bid. Said notice shall refer to this Act as authority for the bonds and shall state the date of issue of the bonds offered, the total aggregate par amount thereof, the schedule of maturities thereof, the interest payable thereon, or the method of determining the same, the purpose to which the proceeds thereof will be devoted, and the general form thereof, including a statement whether said bonds will be redeemable, will be in coupon or registered form, and whether the same will be registrable as to principal, or as to both principal and interest. Each such notice of sale shall also contain a brief summary of the current financial condition of the County or shall indicate where such a statement may be obtained and, finally, shall reserve unto the County the right to reject any or all bids received. In lieu of publishing said entire notice of sale, the County may, if