

and the said salaries and expenses as aforesaid, and shall then deposit the residue of said moneys in some bank or banks in said County to the credit of the Commission. The Commission is authorized to pay the interest on any bonds that it may issue out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds, but not more than one year's interest may be so expended.

131.

Whenever the plans and specifications for water supply, sewerage or drainage systems for [any subdistrict] *the Metropolitan District* shall have been completed and the Commission shall have decided after opportunity for a hearing has been given to proceed with the construction thereof, it shall advertise, by notice in one newspaper published in Howard County and such newspapers and technical press as it may deem proper, for bids for the construction of said system or systems, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission may reject any and all bids, and if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may readvertise the work or any part of it or may do any part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the Commission may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

132.

(c) Whenever any water supply or sewerage project in said [district or districts] *Metropolitan District* shall have been completed by June 30 or December 30, in any one year, regardless of when said construction was commenced, then the said Commission shall fix and levy a benefit charge as of the first day of July or January [in which the project was completed] upon all property in said [subdistrict] *Metropolitan District* abutting upon said water main or sewer, in accordance with the classification or subdivision thereof, and shall in writing, notify all owners of said properties into which class and subdivision their respective properties fall and the charge determined upon, naming also, in said notice a time and place, when and at which time said owner will be heard. Such notice may be mailed to the last known address of the owner, or served in person upon any adult occupying the premises or in the case of a vacant or unimproved property posted upon the premises. The classification of and the benefit assessed against any property as made by the Commission shall be final, subject only to revision at said hearing. The Commission may change the classification of property from time to time as said properties change in the uses to which they are put.

(e) Front foot benefit charges for water supply and sewerage construction shall be as nearly uniform as is reasonably practical for each class or subclass of property throughout [each subdistrict] *the Metropolitan District* for any one year and no benefit charge, once levied, shall be increased; provided, however, that whenever the Commission acquires an existing system other than a municipal