

Engineer and such engineering, legal, clerical and other personnel and help as from time to time the Commission may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. The Secretary-Treasurer, if any, appointed by the Commission shall be the collector of all charges and assessments made by the Commission, and shall receive and account for all monies which shall be due and payable to the Commission from any source whatsoever. All monies deposited shall be protected by a depository bond, or by such other securities as may be approved by the Commission. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond to the State of Maryland to the amount of \$20,000.00, with a good and sufficient surety to be approved by the Commission, with the condition "that if the above bounden shall well and faithfully execute his office and shall account to the Commission for all monies 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 bond, when approved, shall be recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll 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 the County, in form similar to that taken by collectors of taxes, except as to the title of the office. The Commission may pay the premiums on all bonds. All checks issued by the Commission shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer and countersigned by one member of the Commission.

(c) The Commission shall annually have its accounts audited by a certified public accountant to be selected by the Commission and approved by the Board; all fees incurred by such accountant in connection with the audit shall be paid by the Commission; and the Commission shall publish a full, true and itemized account of its receipts and disbursements in a newspaper published in Carroll County.

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(a) To provide for the general health and welfare of the residents of Carroll County, the Commission may acquire, construct, operate, and maintain such water, sewer, and drainage systems as it deems to be in the public interest. The Commission may cause surveys, plans, specifications, and estimates to be made for such systems. Unless all owners of land which will be served by any such proposed improvements consent in writing to such improvements being made, the Commission shall construct any such system or extension thereof only after a public hearing held jointly by the Commission and the Board, after giving notice thereof in two newspapers of general circulation published in Carroll County at least seven days prior to the hearing. At the hearing, plans and specifications for the proposed improvements shall be presented together with the estimated costs thereof and estimated revenues to be derived therefrom.

(b) The power and authority conferred upon the Commission by this subtitle may be exercised by it throughout Carroll County. Provided, however,

(1) ~~That such designation~~ EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE AREA WITHIN WHICH THE COMMISSION MAY EXERCISE POWER AND AUTHORITY shall not include any municipal corporation existing on the effective date of