

empowered to construct, maintain or operate such flood prevention and watershed projects in Carroll County; such funds to be disbursed upon such terms and conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board of County Commissioners of Carroll County, to be used by any such board, agency, department or other public body solely and exclusively for such flood prevention and watershed projects.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, the bonds hereby authorized shall constitute and they shall so recite, an irrevocable pledge of the full faith and credit and unlimited taxing power of the County to the payment of the maturing principal and interest of such bonds as and when the same respectively mature. In each and every fiscal year that any of said bonds are outstanding, the County shall levy or cause to be levied ad valorem taxes upon all the assessable property within the corporate limits of the County in rate and amount sufficient to provide for the payment, when due, of the interest and principal of all said bonds maturing in each such fiscal year and in the event the proceeds from the taxes so levied in any such fiscal year shall prove inadequate for the above purposes, additional taxes shall be levied in the succeeding fiscal year to make up any such deficiency. The County may apply to the payment of principal and interest of any bonds issued hereunder any funds received by it from the State of Maryland, the United States of America, any agency or instrumentality thereof, or from any other source, if such funds are granted for the purpose of assisting the County in flood prevention and watershed projects, and to the extent of any such funds received or receivable in any fiscal year the taxes hereby required to be levied may be reduced proportionately.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, the County is hereby further authorized and empowered, at any time and from time to time to issue its bonds in the manner hereinabove described for the purpose of refunding, upon purchase or redemption, any bonds issued hereunder. The validity of any such refunding bonds shall in no way be dependent upon or related to the validity or invalidity of the obligations so refunded. The powers herein granted with respect to the issuance of bonds, and also the limitations herein on such powers shall be applicable to the issuance of refunding bonds. Said refunding bonds may be issued by the County for the purpose of providing it with funds to purchase in the open market any of its outstanding bonds issued hereunder, prior to the maturity thereof, or for the purpose of providing it with funds for the redemption prior to maturity of any outstanding bonds issued hereunder which are, by their terms, redeemable. The resolution authorizing the issue of any such refunding bonds shall describe the issue or issues of bonds of the County so to be refunded, and no issue of such refunding bonds shall exceed in amount the par amount of such bonds so described in said resolution. No such refunding bonds shall actually be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers thereof more than six (6) months in advance of redemption date or dates of bonds to be redeemed and refunded and the proceeds of the sale of any such refunding bonds shall be segregated and set apart by the County as a separate trust fund to be used solely for the purpose of paying the purchase or redemption prices of the bonds to be refunded.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the issuance of any of the bonds authorized hereby, the County may, prior to the prepara-