

or the [commission] *Department* may reject any and all bids, and, if in its discretion the prices quoted are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may re-advertise the work or any part of it or may do any or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the [commission] *Department* may, in its discretion, expend by day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the [commission] *Department* may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.

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(a) For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by [said commission] *the Department* as in this chapter provided for the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this chapter, the [said commission] *Department* is hereby empowered to establish a proper and reasonable charge for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage system so to be constructed, purchased or established as aforesaid and to fix an annual assessment on all properties, improved or unimproved, binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way in which a water main, sewer or drain has been built. The said annual assessment shall be made upon the front foot basis, and the first payment shall be collected during the year in which the construction is completed on the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems, or in which the systems are purchased or acquired. At least sixty days before the beginning of each fiscal year of the county, the [commission] *Department* shall certify to the county treasurer, in such manner as shall be prescribed by him, the annual benefit assessments to be collected for such year. The county treasurer shall include such assessments so certified in the county tax bills for the properties affected and shall remit to the [commission] *Department* at regular intervals the proceeds from the collection of said assessments. If construction of a water supply, sewerage or drainage system, or any part thereof, is completed after the beginning of any fiscal year, the properties benefited shall be charged for such year a proportion of the annual assessments fixed by the [commission] *Department* for such properties, determined by the ratio which the number of months in such year in which service is available bears to the total number of months of said year. Said partial assessments may be certified to the county treasurer not more often than once each quarter and, if so certified, shall be billed by the county treasurer at the same time or times as county taxes for less than a full year are billed. If not so certified, said partial assessments shall be added to the assessments certified by the [commission] *Department* for collection in the ensuing fiscal year.

(b) The [said commission] *Department* for the purpose of assessing benefits shall divide all properties binding upon a street, road, lane, alley or right-of-way, in which a water pipe or sanitary sewer is to be laid, into four classes, namely: Agricultural, small acreage, industrial or business, and subdivision property, and the [commission] *Department* may subdivide each of said classes in such manner as it may deem to be in the public interest. Whenever any water supply or sewerage project, or part thereof, in any sanitary district