

distributed to the several fire companies of Dorchester County, as follows:

Cambridge	\$4,500.00
Hurlock	3,500.00
Secretary	3,000.00
Vienna	3,000.00
East New Market	3,000.00
Eldorado	2,500.00
Neck	2,500.00
Lloyds	2,500.00
Lakes & Straits	2,500.00
Church Creek	2,500.00
Madison	2,500.00
Hoopers Island	2,500.00
Linkwood-Salem	2,500.00
Taylor's Island	2,500.00

Each company shall comply with the bylaws of the Volunteer Fire Companies Association of Dorchester County, and no payment may be made to a company unless it is complying with these bylaws.

The County Commissioners of Dorchester County shall levy annually on the assessable property of Dorchester County the amount specified above, for payment to the several volunteer fire companies as specified. Before the County Commissioners are required to pay these moneys to the respective fire companies, the Commissioners may require the officers of the fire companies to appear before them and show to the satisfaction of the Commissioners that any sums of money paid by the Commissioners to the fire companies under this subsection have been expended for the purposes set forth in this subsection and also that the fire companies are active fire-fighting organizations. If any of the fire companies ceases to remain an active fire-fighting organization or has not used the moneys appropriated to them for the sole purposes set forth in this subsection, the County Commissioners shall allocate the unexpended funds to the contingent fund of Dorchester County.

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(b) Whenever it shall be deemed necessary [he] BY said county commissioners, acting as a district council for any said taxing and assessment districts, to take or acquire any land, structures or buildings, as an easement, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any erosion prevention works to prevent erosion by Chesapeake Bay and tributaries, or by any other stream or body of water in this State, in any of said taxing and assessment districts, it may purchase the same from the owner or owners, or, failing to agree with the owner or