

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT TO BE SELECTED BY AND PAID BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS. THE COMMISSION SHALL PUBLISH ANNUALLY A STATEMENT OF ITS REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN THE COUNTY.

158. Same; powers and duties

The members of [said] THE Commission [shall be] ARE a body POLI~~TIC~~ AND corporate, by the name of the "St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission" (referred to elsewhere in this [sub-title] SUBTITLE as "the Commission"), with the right to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, and to do any and all other corporate acts for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this [sub-title] SUBTITLE, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, THE RIGHT AND POWER TO MAKE AND ENTER INTO ALL CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS AS THE COMMISSION DETERMINES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE OF MARYLAND, OR ANY AGENCY OF INSTRUMENTALITY OF EITHER THEREOF, OR WITH ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY, PRIVATE CORPORATION, CO-PARTNERSHIP, ASSOCIATION OR INDIVIDUAL, ON TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH THE COMMISSION APPROVES, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE COMMISSION'S DUTIES, THE EXECUTION OF ITS RIGHTS AND POWERS, THE USE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE GOVERNMENT OR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AGENCY, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, COUNTY OR PRIVATE ENTITY OR INDIVIDUAL OF ANY WATER SUPPLY OR SEWERAGE SYSTEM CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR THE SERVICES THEREFROM OR THE FACILITIES THEREOF, OR THE USE BY THE COMMISSION OF ANY WATER SUPPLY OR SEWERAGE SYSTEMS OWNED OR OPERATED OTHER THAN BY THE COMMISSION.

Whenever it [shall be] IS deemed necessary by [said] THE Commission to take or acquire any land, structure or buildings, or any stream bed, waterway, water rights, or watershed, either in fee or as an easement, within or outside of St. Mary's County, for the construction, extension or maintenance of any water main, sewer or appurtenance thereof, or any sewage treatment plant, reservoir, water treatment plant, storage tank or pumping station, or for the execution by the Commission of any other power or function vested in it by this [sub-title] SUBTITLE, [said] THE Commission may purchase [the same] IT from the owners, or failing to agree with the owner or owners thereof, may condemn [the same] IT by proceedings in the Circuit Court for the county in which [said] THE land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed is located, as are provided for condemnation of land by public service corporations in the Public General Laws of Maryland[, now or hereafter in effect, and said]. THE Commission may likewise condemn the interest of any tenant, lessee or other person having any right or interest in [said] THE land, structures or buildings, stream bed, waterway, water rights or watershed. At any time after ten days after the return and recordation of the verdict or award in [said] THE proceedings, the Commission may enter and take possession