

drainage]] systems for any sanitary district shall have been completed and the Commission shall have decided after opportunity for a hearing has been given to proceed with the construction thereof, it shall advertise, by notice in one newspaper published in St. Mary's County and such newspapers and technical press as it may deem proper, for bids for the construction of said system or systems, in part or as a whole, as in its judgment may appear advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the Commission 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 part or all of the work by day labor; provided that at any time the Commission may, in its discretion, expend for day labor for construction work an amount not exceeding \$5,000 without advertising or receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties and conditions as the Commission may require, all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction. [[]]

[[WHENEVER THE STUDIES AND PLANS FOR WATER SUPPLY OR SEWERAGE SYSTEMS IN ANY SANITARY DISTRICT HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AND THE COMMISSION HAS DECIDED, AFTER OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING HAS BEEN GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 160(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE, TO PROCEED WITH THEIR CONSTRUCTION, IT SHALL ADVERTISE, BY NOTICE IN ONE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY AND WHATEVER OTHER NEWSPAPERS AND TECHNICAL PRESS AS IT DEEMS PROPER, FOR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS, IN PART OR AS A WHOLE, AS IN ITS JUDGMENT MAY APPEAR ADVISABLE. THE CONTRACT SHALL BE LET TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, OR THE COMMISSION MAY REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS. IF IN ITS DISCRETION THE PRICES QUOTED ARE UNREASONABLY OR UNBALANCED, IT MAY READVERTISE THE WORK OR ANY PART OF IT OR MAY DO ANY PART OR ALL OF THE WORK ITSELF, IF (I) THE COST OF DOING THE WORK ITSELF IS LESS THAN THE COST OF THE WORK AS DETERMINED BY THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER AND (II) THE COST OF THE WORK DOES NOT EXCEED \$25,000. AT ANY TIME, THE COMMISSION MAY EXPEND FOR CONSTRUCTION WORK ON A PARTICULAR PROJECT AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 WITHOUT ADVERTISING OR RECEIVING BIDS. ALL SUCH CONTRACTS SHALL BE PROTECTED BY WHATEVER BONDS, PENALTIES AND CONDITIONS THE COMMISSION REQUIRES, ALL OF WHICH SHALL BE ENFORCED IN ANY COURT HAVING JURISDICTION.]]

[164. Charges for connections.]

[(a) Charges. For the purpose of paying the interest and principal of the bonds issued by said Commission as in this subtitle provided for the water supply, sewerage or drainage systems to be constructed, purchased or established under this subtitle, the said Commission is hereby empowered to establish a proper and reasonable charge for connection with said water supply, sewerage and drainage system so to be constructed,