

bids are submitted in response to any calls therefor, to place the order as in their discretion they deem best. [The provisions of this subsection will not be applicable in Kent County.]

(m) To provide for the recording and indexing all records in the office of the clerk of the court, register of wills and county commissioners and other officers to the extent that such matters are not provided for by general law. [The provisions of this subsection will not be applicable in Kent County.]

(o) To provide for grading, paving, regrading, repaving, curbing, recurbing, or repairing any road or sidewalk now or hereafter condemned, ceded, opened, widened, extended or straightened as public property and for levying for the cost thereof on the assessable basis of the county or providing for the payment of the cost thereof from the county's share of the State gasoline tax; and to provide for establishing the office of county roads engineer, and defining the duties and powers thereof. In Charles County the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of county roads is performed by the State Roads Commission as provided in [§§ 220, 221 and 222 of Article 89B] SECTION 8-634 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE of this Code, as amended from time to time, and the powers of the County Commissioners, insofar as not governed by the provisions of [Article 89B] THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE, are controlled by the provisions of [§§] SECTIONS 280 through 290, inclusive, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Charles County, as amended from time to time, and not by the provisions of this subsection. [The provisions of this subsection will not be applicable in Kent County.]

(r) No act, ordinance, or resolution shall be adopted by the county commissioners, under the powers conferred by this section, until ten days after a public hearing has been held on the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution. Prior notice of [such] THE public hearing, together with a fair summary of the proposed act, ordinance, or resolution, shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the county once each week for three successive weeks. This subsection is not applicable [in Kent County, nor is it applicable] to any administrative act or resolution adopted by the county commissioners of Dorchester, Harford, or St. Mary's County. This subsection shall apply to Washington County. For purposes of this subsection, "ordinance" means a permanent rule of law enacted by the county commissioners, and "resolution" means a formal expression of the opinion of an official body.

(z) To create, change, or abolish offices and departments and to assign additional functions to offices and departments, but not including the power to create, change, abolish, or discontinue any office or department or to transfer any function of an office or department