

~~enterprise thus benefiting the economy of the counties and the State.~~

~~{(2)} (B) (1) The State [Roads Commission is hereby authorized and directed, any statute to the contrary notwithstanding, to] HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY dispose of land not needed for present or future highway purposes or other public purposes as seen as practicable after the completion of the project for which the land was acquired. Disposal of [such] THE land shall be accomplished as [follows:] PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~{a.} (2) Any parcel of land [which] THAT is of sufficient size and otherwise susceptible, in the opinion of the [Commission] ADMINISTRATION, of use or development shall be sold by the [Commission] ADMINISTRATION, at public auction.~~

~~{b.} (3) [All such] BEFORE ANY DISPOSAL, THE parcels shall be appraised by the [Commission] prior to their disposal] ADMINISTRATION and parcels having a value, in the opinion of the [Commission] ADMINISTRATION, in excess of \$5,000 shall also be appraised by at least one independent qualified real estate appraiser.~~

~~{c.} (4) Notice of the public sale shall be advertised for two consecutive weeks in a newspaper published OR HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION in the county where the property is located [or in a newspaper having general circulation in each county]. The advertisement shall generally describe the property, specify the date and time of the sale, which shall take place on or near the property, and contain such other information as the [Commission] ADMINISTRATION deems proper. The [Commission] ADMINISTRATION shall also post an appropriate sign on the property at least two weeks prior to the sale, which sign shall generally describe the property and give the date and time of the sale.~~

~~{d.} (5) At the conclusion of the auction sale, which may be conducted by [Commission] ADMINISTRATION personnel, the name of the high bidder and the amount of the bid shall be publicly announced. [Thereafter, the] THE results of the sale THEN shall be recorded and presented to the [Commission] ADMINISTRATION for approval or rejection of the bid. IF THE HIGH BID DOES NOT APPROXIMATE THE APPRAISED VALUE OF THE PROPERTY, THE ADMINISTRATION REPRESENTATIVE IN CHARGE OF THE AUCTION MAY REJECT ALL BIDS AND CANCEL THE AUCTION SALE.~~

~~{e.} If he shall approve the sale, the Chairman Director of the Commission is authorized to sign a deed conveying the interest of the Commission to the purchaser.] (6) IF THE ADMINISTRATOR APPROVES THE SALE, HE MAY SIGN A DEED CONVEYING THE INTEREST OF THE ADMINISTRATION TO THE PURCHASER.~~

~~{f.} (7) At any [such] sale if there [shall~~