

(4) All payments shall be made not less often than semi-annually and shall be one-half the commission budget plan amount authorized to individual departments.

(5) [There shall be no] A fire or rescue department, annex or sub-station MAY NOT HOLD REAL PROPERTY other than those now holding [real property] IT unless they are approved by the Fire and Rescue Commission. The County Commissioners are not authorized to fund others not approved by the Commission.

(6) [(a)] (I) Before any new volunteer fire or rescue department or sub-station to an existing fire or rescue department is authorized to operate in Calvert County or receive county funds, it must conform to the standards for fire and rescue departments prescribed by the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association and adopted by the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission. [; provided, however, that nothing herein is] THESE PROVISIONS MAY NOT BE interpreted to preclude the loan of county funds to any department prior to its meeting subject standards.

[(b)] (II) Before any private, commercial or industrial fire or ambulance service is authorized to operate in Calvert County it [must] SHALL also conform to the same standards. However, when the units receive no county funds and either specialized equipment or hardships are involved, the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission [may], after conferring with the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Association, MAY waive any part or all of these standards. All units and equipment in existence on July 1, 1975, shall be in full compliance with this Section by July 1, 1976.

(7) Each fire department, rescue squad, annex or sub-station receiving county funds shall be audited annually and all [such] AUDIT expenses shall be paid by the County Commissioners.

(8) The County Commissioners [of Calvert County are hereby empowered to] MAY lend monetary aid to any fire department or rescue squad upon the recommendation of the Calvert County Fire and Rescue Commission, and [such] ANY loans OF THIS NATURE shall be made without any profit accruing to the county.

~~(b) The County Commissioners shall appropriate annually not less than \$5,000 to the Fair Board of Calvert County with the sum to be distributed on a semi annual basis.~~

~~(c) The County Commissioners may appropriate a sum to be determined by them to the Calvert County Hospital.~~

~~(d) The County Commissioner's may use public funds, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, to reimburse Calvert Arundel Medical Facilities, Inc., for funds expended to~~