

(a) The [commission] COUNTY may purchase or acquire by gift any existing water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or parts thereof, including those owned, operated by, or serving any municipality, or any land, structure, buildings, stream bed, water rights, or watershed, either in fee or as an easement, which in its judgment is desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water, sewerage, or drainage service OR ANY OF THEM for the residents of the [county] SERVICE AREA. Any such purchase [is subject to the approval of the county commissioners and] may be made upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, but before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, it is the duty of the vendor or agent to furnish a statement to [said commission] THE BOARD setting forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against the property whatsoever, which shall be verified by an oath in writing.

(b) Thereupon, it is the duty of the [commission] BOARD to notify personally or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, all persons having any interest whatever in the property, and in addition the [commission] BOARD shall give three weeks' notice of its intention to purchase the property, in a newspaper or newspapers published within the [county] SERVICE AREA where the property is located; and each person having any claim whatever against the property shall file its, his, or her claim with the [commission] BOARD on or before the expiration date mentioned in the notice at which time any and all persons shall be heard.

(c) Any municipality whose system or any portion thereof is acquired by the [commission] COUNTY by purchase may use the amount paid to it for the system for the purchase or redemption of any bonds or debt which may be outstanding against the same; or the [commission] COUNTY, as part of the purchase price of the system, may assume the payment of any such bond or debt. The [commission] COUNTY may purchase any existing water, [mains, sewers or] SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE systems, in whole or in part, which are necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the powers vested in it by this chapter.

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The [commission] COUNTY has full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage, or drainage systems, with those of any municipality or adjoining county, or any other governmental agency, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage OR drainage [from any sanitary district], and to enter into any other agreement concerning any matter deemed by the [commission] BOARD to be necessary, advisable, or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance, and operation of the water [supply], sewerage, or drainage systems under its control, or those under the control of any municipality or county or other governmental agency. The