

or trust company within or without the State of Maryland; and generally all matters incident to the terms, conditions, issuance, sale and delivery thereof.

The bonds may be made redeemable before maturity, at the option of the County, at such price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the County prior to the issuance of the bonds, either in the resolution or in subsequent resolutions. The bonds may be issued in coupon or in registered form or both, and provision may be made for the registration of the principal only of bonds having coupons attached, and for the reconversion of bonds into coupon form if any bond has been registered as to both principal and interest. In case any officer whose signature appears on any bond or on any coupon attached thereto ceases to be such officer before the delivery thereof, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes as if he had remained in office until such delivery. The bonds, and the issuance and sale thereof, shall be exempt from the provisions of Sections 9, 10 and 11 of Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume).

If the County determines in the resolution to offer any of the bonds by solicitation of competitive bids at public sale, the resolution shall fix the terms and conditions of the public sale and shall adopt a form of notice of sale, which shall outline the terms and conditions, and a form of advertisement, which shall be published in one or more daily or weekly newspapers having a general circulation in the County and which may also be published in one or more journals having a circulation primarily among banks and investment bankers. At least one publication of the advertisement shall be made not less than ten (10) days before the sale of bonds.

Upon delivery of any bonds to the purchaser or purchasers, payment therefor shall be made to the Treasurer of Dorchester County or such other official of the County as may be designated to receive such payment in a resolution passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Dorchester County before such delivery.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the net proceeds of the sale of bonds shall be used and applied exclusively and solely for the hospital improvements for which the bonds were sold and shall be paid by the Treasurer to or for the benefit of Dorchester General Hospital, Incorporated as and when and under such conditions as the County directs in accordance with the terms and conditions of its agreement with the Hospital and terms of this Act. If the net proceeds of the sale of any issue of bonds exceeds the amount needed to finance the hospital improvements described in the resolution, the excess funds so borrowed and not expended shall be applied to the payment of the next principal maturity of the bonds or to the redemption of any part of the bonds which have been made