

the official seal of the [commission] WSSC shall be impressed upon the bonds; provided, however, that the [commission] WSSC may authorize any of such officials to sign the bonds with his facsimile signature; except that each of such bonds shall be manually signed by at least [one] 1 of such officials; and provided, further, that the [commission] WSSC may authorize a facsimile of the official seal of the [commission] WSSC to be imprinted on the bonds, in which case it shall not be necessary that such official seal be impressed physically upon the bonds. Such guarantee or endorsement by [the county council and by the county commissioners] MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES shall be signed on each of such bonds on behalf of each county by the county executive [and the clerk of the board of county commissioners] OF EACH COUNTY or by any officer designated for such purpose by the county executive [and county commissioners], by his facsimile or manual signature as the county executive [and the board of county commissioners] shall each respectively determine, within [twenty] 20 days after the bonds are presented by the [commission] WSSC for the signing of such endorsement. In the event of any liability under the above guarantee, such liability for each county shall be in such proportion as the assessable basis of that part of either county within the sanitary district bears to the assessable basis of the whole of such district. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the [commission] WSSC may, at its option and pursuant to the provisions of § [4-3] 4-103 of this [article] TITLE, waive the guarantee of such counties above provided for.

(c) For the purpose of retiring bonds authorized to be issued by this section, and payment of the interest thereon, there shall be levied against all of the assessable property within the sanitary district, by the [county council and by the county commissioners] COUNTY COUNCILS of Montgomery and Prince George's counties, annually so long as the bonds are outstanding and not paid, a tax sufficient to meet the interest on the bonds, and to pay the principal thereof as the principal and interest mature or become due; the tax shall be determined, levied, collected and paid over to the [commission] WSSC in the manner provided by § [4-5] 4-105 of this [article] TITLE, and all of the provisions of § [4-5] 4-105 OF THIS TITLE shall apply to the bonds issued hereunder.

(d) For the purpose of retiring the bonds authorized to be issued by this section and the payment of the interest thereon and for the purpose of paying for the cost of the maintenance of its sewerage system and its disposal facilities, including the overhead expense and proper depreciation allowance, and payments to [the commissioners of] the District of Columbia for disposal of sanitary district sewage, the [commission] WSSC shall be empowered and directed to make a sewer usage charge, chargeable against all properties connected to the [commission's]