water, sewerage, and drainage systems shall become county property under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of County Commissioners to participate financially in certain private projects under certain circumstances; clarifying language; and generally relating to water, sewerage, and drainage systems in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

The Public Local Laws of Frederick County Section 2-13-6 Article 11 - Public Local Laws of Maryland (1979 Edition and October, 1987 Supplement, as amended)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article 11 - Frederick County

2-13-6.

- (A) Whenever the plans and specifications for water, sewerage, or drainage systems or extensions [thereof shall] have been completed and the board has decided to proceed with construction, it shall solicit bids for the construction of the system or systems, in part or as a whole, [as in its judgment may appear] IT JUDGES advisable. The contract shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder, or the board may reject any or all bids[; and, if]. IF in its [discretion] JUDGMENT the prices quoted are unreasonable or unbalanced, it may obtain bids for the work or any part of it or may do any part or all of the work by day labor[; provided, that at]. AT any time the board[, in its discretion,] may expend by day labor for construction and for supplies and equipment[,] an amount not exceeding [five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)] \$5,000 without advertising and receiving bids. All such contracts shall be protected by such bonds, penalties, and conditions as REQUIRED BY the board [may require], all of which shall be enforced in any court having jurisdiction.
- (B) (1) INSTEAD OF THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE A PRIVATE PERSON TO HAVE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A WATER, SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM PREPARED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE PERSON.
- (2) THE BOARD ALSO MAY ALLOW THE PERSON TO OBTAIN PRICE QUOTATIONS OR BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WATER, SEWERAGE, OR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SYSTEM.
- (3) WHEN CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS AND UNDER THE INSPECTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, THE SYSTEM SHALL BECOME COUNTY PROPERTY AND