

The Public Local Laws of Washington County

Section 1-106

Article 22 – Public Local Laws of Maryland

(1991 Edition, as amended by Chapter 114 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1992)

BY adding to

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

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1-106.

(a) The County Commissioners or any employee of the county may not enter into any contract of sale or purchase or any contract for any county work, project, or other expenditure to which the county is a party where the amount involved in the contract exceeds \$15,000 without advertising for bids in 1 or more newspapers published in the county. The publication of that advertisement shall appear at least once a week prior to the date on which bids are to be filed.

(b) Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder; any contract of purchase or other expenditure shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. However, the County Commissioners may reject any bid.

(c) (1) Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section is void.

(2) The provisions of this section do not apply to:

(i) Any contract or other transaction involving the deposit of county funds in any authorized State or federal banking institution;

(ii) Necessary repairs made in case of emergency; or

(iii) The purchase of tangible personal property at a public auction.

1-106A.

(A) NOTWITHSTANDING § 1-106 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY CONTRACT, WITHOUT ADVERTISING FOR BIDS, FOR A PART OF ANY PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT IF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT IS WITH ANOTHER PUBLIC ENTITY OR A PRIVATE ENTITY.