

Commissioners may trade in old equipment on new purchases or dispose of old equipment whenever they deem the same advisable or expedient. The County Commissioners shall budget the amount to be expended for road machinery and equipment each year.

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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(l) (1) To provide for competitive bidding for any county work and the making and awarding of contracts for the purchase of materials and supplies in excess of \$15,000 and to require bonds in connection with the work or contracts, regardless of the amount, whenever the county commissioners consider it proper to require a bond; and if no bids are submitted in response to any request for bids, to place the order in a manner that the county commissioners consider appropriate.

9D.

(a) This section applies only to the following counties:

- (1) Calvert County,
- (2) Caroline County,
- (3) Charles County,
- (4) Dorchester County, and
- (5) Garrett County.

(b) The County Commissioners in the exercise of their borrowing powers may:

(1) Purchase or lease any personal property necessary or desirable for the operation of their respective county, pursuant to a multiyear contract requiring that the County Commissioners of the purchasing or leasing county make installment or rental payments during 2 or more fiscal years;

(2) Pay interest as part of any installment or rental payments in accordance with the terms of the contract; and

(3) Pledge and assign the personal property purchased or leased pursuant to any contract to secure the purchasing or leasing county's obligations.

(c) The action specified in subsection (b) of this section may be taken if the following conditions are met:

(1) Funds sufficient to pay all amounts due under the contract during the first fiscal year in which the contract is effective are or will be available and have been appropriated and can be used for this purpose;

(2) The contract includes a termination provision which permits the purchasing or leasing county to terminate the contract if funds sufficient to pay all amounts due under the contract for any fiscal year are not appropriated for this purpose for the fiscal year. However, the contract may provide that termination of the contract