

(3) Any contract of sale shall be awarded to the highest responsible bidder, and any contract of purchase shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, but [said] THE County Commissioners shall have the right to reject any and all bids.

(4) Any contract entered into in violation of the provisions of this section shall be null and void [; provided, however, that the]. THE provisions of this section shall not apply to necessary repairs made in case of emergency.

(5) If any County Commissioner shall violate any provisions of this [section, he] SUBSECTION, THE COMMISSIONER shall be liable to indictment, and, upon conviction, shall forfeit [his] THE office. [This section shall not be construed, however, to apply to the purchase of material, equipment or other supplies for use in the operation and maintenance of county roads, as provided by Chapter 888 of the Acts of 1941 and amendments thereto.]

B. (1) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY PURCHASE OR LEASE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE IN THE COUNTY PURSUANT TO A MULTIYEAR CONTRACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 25, § 9D OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

(2) PRIOR TO ENTERING A CONTRACT UNDER ARTICLE 25, § 9D OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

C. (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY ENTER INTO LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENTS AND RELATED FINANCING AGREEMENTS TO OBTAIN PERSONAL OR REAL PROPERTY FOR ANY PUBLIC PURPOSE IN THE COUNTY.

(2) PRIOR TO ENTERING A LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SHALL ADVERTISE FOR BIDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION A OF THIS SECTION.

(3) A MULTIYEAR LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT OR RELATED FINANCING AGREEMENT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AT THE END OF A FISCAL YEAR IF SUFFICIENT MONEY IS NOT APPROPRIATED TO FUND THE AGREEMENT IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

D. (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, WHENEVER THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CONSIDER IT IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE COUNTY, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY:

(A) ACQUIRE USED PERSONAL PROPERTY AT AN AUCTION OR AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SALE;

(B) LEASE USED PERSONAL PROPERTY; AND

(C) ENTER INTO ANY FINANCING OR LEASE AGREEMENT FOR USED PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COULD ENTER HAD THE PERSONAL PROPERTY BEEN ACQUIRED OR LEASED NEW.