

existence of [said] THE system or unsuitable part [thereof] OF THE SYSTEM and extend its system to serve the area tributary to the existing system or unsuitable part [thereof] OF THE SYSTEM, and all the provisions of this [subtitle] TITLE relating to systems constructed by the County apply thereto.

[15-6.] 14-202. Acquisition by purchase or gift.

(a) The County may purchase or acquire by gift any existing water, sewerage, or drainage systems, or parts [hereof], including those owned, operated by, or serving any municipality, or any land, structure, buildings, stream bed, water rights, or watershed, either in fee or as an easement, which in its judgment is desirable or necessary for the purpose of providing adequate water, sewerage or drainage service or any of them for the residents of the service area. Any such purchase may be made upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon, but before any part of the purchase price is paid, other than a nominal sum of money to bind the agreement, it is the duty of the vendor or agent to furnish a statement to the Board setting forth all names and addresses of persons having any interest or claims against the property whatsoever, which shall be verified by an oath in writing.

(b) Thereupon it is the duty of the Board to notify personally or by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, all persons having any interest [whatever] in the property, and in addition the Board shall give three weeks' notice of [its] THE BOARD'S intention to purchase the property, in a newspaper or newspapers published within the service area where the property is located; and each person having any claim [whatever] against the property shall file [its, his, or her] THE PERSON'S claim with the Board on or before the expiration date mentioned in the notice at which time any and all persons shall be heard.

(c) Any municipality whose system or any portion [thereof] OF THE SYSTEM is acquired by the County by purchase may use the amount paid to [it] THE MUNICIPALITY for the system for the purchase or redemption of any bonds or debt which may be outstanding against the [same] MUNICIPALITY; or the County, as part of the purchase price of the system, may assume the payment of any such bond or debt. The County may purchase any existing water, sewerage or drainage systems, in whole or in part, which are necessary or desirable for the purpose of carrying out the powers vested in it by this [subtitle] TITLE.

SUBTITLE 3. CONTRACTS; PERMITS; CONNECTIONS; BIDS.

[15-7.] 14-301. Contracts for systems.

The County has full power and authority to enter into any contract for the connection of its water supply, sewerage, or drainage systems, with those of any municipality or adjoining county, or any other governmental agency, for the purchase of water and for the disposal of sewage or drainage, and to enter into any other agreement concerning any matter deemed by the Board to be necessary, advisable, or expedient for the proper construction, maintenance, and operation of the water, sewerage, or drainage systems under its control, or those under the control of any municipality or county or other governmental agency. The County is further