

The County Commissioners may[:

(1) Lease] LEASE, sell, at either public or private sale, and convey or otherwise dispose of and convey any real estate or interest in real estate now held or owned or acquired in the future by the County Commissioners and no longer needed for public use. The intent to lease, sell, dispose of, or convey, except in the case of a conveyance made between the [County] COUNTY and any federal, state or local government, shall be advertised in a newspaper having general distribution in the county, once a week for 3 successive weeks[; and].

(2) [Buy] THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BUY AT PUBLIC or private sale or [to] accept without consideration any real estate which in their judgment is useful to Washington County. However, funds may not be expended from the general fund of the county for the acquisition of real property under this section unless a public hearing has been held on the matter and the proceeds from sales of all existing school facilities, school lands, and other properties presently used for school facilities and titled in the name of the [County] COUNTY and/or branch, department or derivative [thereof] OF THE COUNTY are paid into the "Special School Fund" for school construction and repairs created by the Washington County School Bond Act of 1963. (1957 Code, sec. 177. 1945, ch. 521; 1959, ch. 280; 1963, ch. 693; 1970 ed. sec. 8-10; 1984, ch. 289)

1-302. Purchase of real estate for public purposes.

The County Commissioners may purchase any real estate, together with improvements and equipment connected with the property, located in the City of Hagerstown, and make necessary improvements for any lawful purpose designated by the County Commissioners. (1957 Code, sec. 192. 1936 Sp. Sess., ch. 62, sec. 1; 1981, ch. 14; 1970 ed. sec. 8-27; 1984, ch. 289)

#### Subtitle 4. Prisoners and Inmates

1-401. Work by prisoners in jail.

[(a) Sheriff empowered.] The County Commissioners may empower the Sheriff to work, for any purpose in addition to those specified in Article 27, § 712 of the Annotated Code, prisoners who have been sentenced to the Washington [County Jail] DETENTION CENTER.

[(b) Food. Working prisoners shall be eliminated from the regular food list of jail inmates, and shall be fed substantial meals on the days they are working. Payment for the meals shall be made by the County Commissioners on vouchers submitted by the Sheriff.

(c) Hours and pay. Prisoners may not be worked more than 8 hours in any 1 day, and shall be paid in the discretion of the County Commissioners at the rate of 50 cents per day.

(d) Controlling law. Prisoners may not be worked except in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(e) Generally. This section applies to all work done by Washington County prisoners ordered to work by the County Commissioners, including work done under