

**Article 25 - County Commissioners****Section 9**

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

**Article 25 - County Commissioners**

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(a) This section applies only in Dorchester County.

(b) The County Commissioners, in addition to, but not in substitution of, the powers which may have been or may hereafter be granted them, may acquire by lease, purchase, or condemnation, real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose, may erect buildings on the property for the benefit of the County, may sell at public sale any real or leasehold property belonging to the County when in their discretion it is no longer needed for public use, and may execute and acknowledge any and all deeds and other instruments necessary to effect and complete the lease, purchase, or sale of real or leasehold property.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, the County Commissioners may sell real or leasehold property without public sale to any municipality or other governmental agency within Dorchester County upon terms and conditions and for consideration, if any, which they consider proper, when in their discretion the property is no longer needed for public use by the County, and may execute and acknowledge any and all deeds and other instruments necessary to effect and complete the sale of the real or leasehold property.

(2) The County Commissioners may not sell or lease the riparian rights adjacent to any real or leasehold property that belongs to Dorchester County and is located in the City of Cambridge unless the County Commissioners provide for the public sale or lease under a process that includes the following elements:

(i) A public advertisement, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County, soliciting sealed bids or proposals;

(ii) The public opening of sealed bids or proposals;

(iii) The rejection of unresponsive or unacceptable bids or proposals;  
and

(iv) The selection of the bidder or offeror who offers the terms most favorable to the County.

(3) The County Commissioners may take any and all actions necessary to effectuate and complete the process of competitive bidding under paragraph (2) of this subsection.