

(b) The Purchasing Agent shall determine and formulate standards of all materials, supplies and equipment to be purchased for the using authorities of the County.

(c) It shall be the duty of the Purchasing Agent to contract for or purchase all materials, supplies, and equipment, except those which the Purchasing Agent may determine are of a strictly perishable character, or which the Purchasing Agent may determine it is impracticable for the using authorities to purchase through or with the approval of the Purchasing Agent, or which may be purchased by using authorities under the authority and with the approval of the Purchasing Agent. The Purchasing Agent shall notify the County Commissioners of any authorizations made by him for the purchase of any materials, supplies or equipment by the using authorities. Before proceeding with the purchase of any item of equipment to cost more than Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) or any material needed in connection with road repair or construction or any other public construction to cost more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), the Purchasing Agent is required to have the authorization of the Board of County Commissioners stated in formal resolution of the Board, except where such purchases are to be made for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission or Liquor Control Board in which case the formal resolution of approval of that Commission shall be first obtained.

In the case of any purchase for any using authority, the Purchasing Agent shall satisfy himself that money to pay for the purchase has been included in the current annual budget allowance of the using authority in question, and if such is not the case the Purchasing Agent is required to obtain the approval of the County Commissioners stated in formal resolution before contracting for such a purchase.

(d) Estimates of the amount and quality of materials, supplies, and equipment needed by the using authorities shall be submitted at such periods as may be prescribed by the Purchasing Agent. When purchases are made through competitive bidding, the Purchasing Agent may require the successful bidder to furnish a bond to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County, with good and sufficient surety, conditioned that he will fully and faithfully perform the terms of the contract. The penalty of all such bonds shall be determined by the said Purchasing Agent, and enforced by Attorney to the Board of County Commissioners.

(e) No invoices for materials, supplies or equipment purchased by the Purchasing Agent or the using authorities, shall be paid until such invoices shall have received the approval of the Purchasing Agent.