

Article 25 - County Commissioners

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(a) (1) The County Commissioners of Calvert County, in addition to but not in substitution for, the powers which may have been or may hereafter be granted to them, shall have the full power to secure an option upon, or to acquire by lease, purchase, condemnation, gift or devise, real or leasehold property needed for any public purpose, and to erect buildings thereon for the benefit of the county.

(2) Immediately following the execution of any option to lease or purchase any real or leasehold property, the County Commissioners shall advertise:

- (I) [the] THE optionee's name [,];
- (II) [the] THE purpose for which the option has been secured; and
- (III) [the] THE price and terms of the option.

(3) [This] THE advertisement shall be published for at least three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers of general circulation published in the county.

(b) (1) The County Commissioners are further authorized to lease or sell any real or leasehold property owned by the county when in their discretion it is no longer needed for public use [and in].

(2) IN case of a decision to sell any real or leasehold property on which is located any facility to or for which the county has made an appropriation in any year of [one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$1,000 or more, the sale shall be made pursuant to sealed bids[, and the].

(3) THE offer to bid shall be advertised for at least three consecutive weeks in one or more newspapers published in the county, accurately describing the property and stating the time and place for opening the bids, and reserving the right to reject any and all bids.

(4) The proposals shall be publicly opened at the time specified in the advertisement, and the property sold to the highest bidder, unless in the discretion of the County Commissioners the interests of the county would be better served by selling the property to some other bidder.

(5) In case of the rejection of all bids or if no bids are submitted, the County Commissioners may dispose of the property as they may deem desirable.

(c) (1) The County Commissioners of Calvert County may transfer, convey, or lease to the Calvert County Historical Society, Incorporated, the land and improvement known as Solomons Elementary School property, or any part thereof, for use as a public maritime museum without complying with the requirements of this section[, providing that the].