

be charged with the duty of constructing and establishing public county water systems in Baltimore County wherever and whenever, in their opinion, the public health, welfare or convenience requires with the power and authority to adopt rules, orders and regulations for the maintenance, preservation, repair, improvement, protection, examination and inspection of such systems, and all such rules, orders and regulations shall be recorded in the record of the proceedings of said Commissioners, signed by them and attested by their chief clerk and auditor and sealed with the corporate seal of Baltimore County, and all such rules, orders and regulations shall have the force and effect of law, and any person violating the provisions of any such rule, order or regulation shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of not less than five dollars or more than one hundred dollars, to be enforced and collected as other fines are enforced and collected under the laws of this State. The power to establish and construct public county water systems in Baltimore County herein conferred upon said County Commissioners shall include the power to do all things which may be necessary or incident thereto, and particularly and expressly is the power conferred upon said County Commissioners to do the following:

a. To make all preliminary investigations and to do all preliminary work, which in the opinion of said County Commissioners should precede the actual construction of any water system.

b. To employ for such period or periods as may in their opinion be necessary a capable engineer and to appoint or employ such other professional or technical experts or advisors, and such agents or employees, skilled or unskilled, as they may deem advisable for the proper performance of the duties imposed on them by this Act, to fix their respective compensations and to remove or discharge such experts, agents or employees at pleasure.

c. To construct, acquire and establish any reservoir, pumping and filtration plants which, in their opinion, may be necessary for the purpose of this Act, and to acquire by purchase or gift any sources of water supply in Baltimore County and any public water mains or systems of water mains now located in Baltimore County and used to supply inhabitants of Baltimore County with water, and especially all or any part of the plant formerly belonging to the Baltimore County Water and Electric Company now owned by the Mayor