

COMMISSIONERS IN COMMONWEALTH AND CONTRACTS - REPEALED

Act of Apr. 4, 1870, P.L. 834, No. 765

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AN ACT

Relative to contracts by county commissioners in certain counties of this commonwealth.

Section 1. To advertise proposals in certain counties; contractors to give security

The county commissioners of the Counties of Bucks, Lancaster, Juniata, Venango, Adams, Erie, Mercer, Westmoreland, Montgomery, Clarion and Schuylkill, before making any contract for the erection of any new building or buildings, bridge or bridges, or for the alteration or addition thereto, shall, by public advertisement, printed in not less than two weekly newspapers of the county, if so many be published therein, where the contract is to be awarded, for not less than four weeks, one of which shall be published in the county town, invite sealed proposals for the same, according to specifications, which shall be written or printed in a book to be kept by the commissioners for that purpose, and kept open for inspection of all persons for at least four weeks before the time appointed by said advertisement for the opening of said sealed proposals, and which, at the time fixed, shall be publicly opened and the contract awarded to the lowest bidder or bidders, who shall, within ten days thereafter, give security to said commissioners for the faithful performance of said contract, according to said specifications: provided, that no contract shall be awarded by county commissioners until the same, with the sureties for its faithful performance, shall be approved by one of the judges of the court of common pleas of the proper county. 1870, April 4, P.L. 834, Sec. 1.

Section 2. Penalty for violation

Any violation of the first section of this act by said commissioners shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, said commissioners shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding two thousand dollars. 1870, April 4, P.L. 834, Sec. 2.

Section 3. Contracts for building bridges

In the case of bridges, the specifications may be for iron, stone or wood, all or either of them; and at the time of opening said proposals the commissioners may elect which kind of structure said bridge shall be, and then award the contract in accordance with the provisions of section first of this act. 1870, April 4, P.L. 834, Sec. 3.

Section 4. Time for proposals for rebuilding bridges may be reduced

In the event of the destruction by fire, flood or otherwise, of a bridge or bridges, on any important thoroughfare, or where delay in rebuilding will be of serious inconvenience to trade and travel, the commissioners may reduce the time of advertisement for sealed proposals, as also the time the specifications shall be open to inspection on the books of the commissioners, to two weeks. 1870, April 4, P.L. 834, Sec. 4.