

the presentation of a properly itemized and verified bill, except in cases where the county auditor considers the sum charged excessive, in which case he shall file the bill, if requested by the person presenting the same, for action by the board at its next meeting.

Approved April 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 539—S. F. No. 1596

An act relating to powers and duties of counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 373.01.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 373.01, is amended to read:

373.01 Powers. Each organized county is a body politic and corporate, and as such empowered to act for the following purposes:

- (1) to sue and be sued;
- (2) to acquire and hold real and personal property for the use of the county, and lands sold for taxes as provided by law; and to purchase and hold for the benefit of the county real estate sold by virtue of judicial proceedings, to which the county is a party;
- (3) to sell, lease, and convey any real or personal estate owned by the county, and to give contracts or options to sell, lease or convey any such real or personal estate, and make such order respecting the same as may be deemed conducive to the interests of its inhabitants; provided, no sale, lease or conveyance of any such real estate, nor any contract or option therefor, shall be valid unless a resolution fixing a time for considering same and setting out the terms and conditions thereof shall be published in the official proceedings of the county commissioners at least 30 and not more than 60 days prior to the time it shall have been voted upon; provided, further, before causing the publication of any such resolution, the commissioners may require a satisfactory bond, to be furnished by the person or persons desiring such sale, a lease, conveyance, contract or option, conditioned to abide by the terms thereof, if granted to him or them; provided, further, if at the time so fixed any more favorable

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proposition or propositions shall have been filed with the auditor affecting the same property and accompanied by like satisfactory bond, all propositions may be at that time considered, and the one most favorable to the county accepted, without first advertising for bids or proposals in the official newspaper of the county for three consecutive weeks and once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property is located. The notice shall state the time and place of considering the proposals, contain a legal description of any real estate, and a brief description of any personal property. All proposals shall at that time be considered, and the one most favorable to the county accepted, but the county board shall reserve the right, in the interest of the county, to reject any or all proposals. Provided, further, that in no case shall any such lands be disposed of without there being reserved to the county any and all iron ore and other valuable minerals in and upon the same, with right to explore for, mine and remove the same, nor shall such minerals and mineral rights be disposed of, either before or after disposition of the surface rights, otherwise than by mining lease, in similar general form to that provided by section 93.20 for mining leases affecting state lands, such lease to be for a term not exceeding 50 years, and to be issued on a royalty basis, royalty to be not less than 25 cents per ton of 2,240 pounds, and to fix a minimum amount of royalty payable during each year, whether mineral is removed or not; provided, further, prospecting options for such mining leases may be granted for periods not exceeding one year, such options to require, among other things, periodical showings to the county board of the results of exploration work done;

(4) to make all contracts and do all other acts in relation to the property and concerns of the county necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers.

Approved April 20, 1961.

CHAPTER 540—S. F. No. 1617

An act relating to the fees of justices of the peace; amending Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 357.14.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 357.14 is amended to read:

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