

levy a tax of not to exceed ~~one-half~~ *one* mill on all the taxable property within such village, borough, or city, but in no event shall more than ~~\$1,000~~ *\$2,000* be raised in any one year for the purpose of advertising the village, borough, or city and its resources and advantages. Such tax shall be levied in the same manner and at the same time as taxes for other municipal purposes are levied, and shall be collected in the same manner. The proceeds of such tax shall be used only for the purpose of advertising such village, borough, or city *or for cooperative programs of promotion for the area by more than one such village, borough, or city* and its resources and advantages; provided, that the annual expenditure for such purposes by any such village, borough, or city is hereby limited to the sum of ~~\$1,000~~ *\$2,000*, provided, nothing in sections 465.56 and 465.57 shall permit the levy of any tax in excess of the amount authorized by sections 275.11 to 275.16.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 465.57, is amended to read:

465.57 **Vote at election.** Such governing body may by resolution adopted at least 20 days before any general village, borough, or city election provide for submitting to the voters at such election, to be voted upon by ballot, the question of levying a tax as provided in section 465.56. If a majority of the votes cast on the question be in favor of the proposition, the same shall be deemed carried and the governing body may levy such tax annually for ~~two successive~~ *two successive* years. ~~No such tax shall be levied thereafter unless again authorized by the electors as herein provided.~~

Approved May 18, 1967.

CHAPTER 563—S. F. No. 1513

[Not Coded]

An act relating to St. Louis county; regulating purchasing therefor; amending Laws 1943, Chapter 237, Section 5, as amended.

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

Section 1. Laws 1943, Chapter 237, Section 5, as amended by Laws 1961, Chapter 304, Section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 5. **St. Louis county; purchases; contracts; limitations.** All purchases of, and contracts for, supplies, materials equipment

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or contractual services, and all sales of personal property which has become obsolete and unusable, shall be based wherever possible on competitive bids. If the amount of the expenditure or sale is estimated to exceed \$1,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice inserted at least once in a newspaper of general circulation and at least five calendar days before the final date of submitting bids. Such notice shall include a general description of the commodities or contractual services to be purchased, or personal property to be sold, and shall state where bid blanks and specifications may be obtained and the time and place for the opening of bids. The county purchasing agent shall also solicit sealed bids by sending requests by mail to prospective suppliers and by posting notice on a public bulletin board in his office.

All purchases or sales of less than \$1,000 in amount shall be made in the open market without newspaper notice, but shall wherever possible be based on at least three competitive bids.

Sales shall be made to the highest responsible bidder.

Bids on purchases shall in all cases be based on such standard specifications as may be adopted by the board of standardization in accordance with the provisions of section 10 of this act. ~~All contracts or open market purchase orders made by the county purchasing agent or by any county department, board, commission, or agency shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The purchasing agent shall accept the lowest bid and award the contract to such lowest bidder unless the agent on account of the quality or character of the goods, materials, or supplies proposed to be furnished by the lowest bidder or because of the financial responsibility and reputation of said bidder, deems it not to the best advantage of the county to accept such bid, and, in the case of capital expenditures, the agent shall present to the county board, or to the interested board or commission, as the case may be, a written statement of the reasons why such lowest bid should not be accepted and shall advise the appropriate body which bid in his judgment is to the best advantage of the county, and the county board or such interested board or commission, may thereupon concur with the agent to accept the recommended bid or reject all bids.~~ All bids may be rejected and new bids solicited if the public interest shall be served thereby. If all bids received on a pending contract are for the same unit price or total amount, the county purchasing agent shall have authority to award the contract to one of the tie bidders by drawing lots in public, or to reject all bids and to purchase the required supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services in the open market, provided the price paid in the open market shall not exceed

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the lowest responsible bid. It shall be the duty of the purchasing agent to discourage uniform bidding and to endeavor to obtain as full and open competition as possible on all purchases and sales. Each bid, with the name of the bidder, shall be entered on a record, and each record with the successful bid indicated thereon, shall, after the award of the order or contract, be open to public inspection.

All contracts shall be approved as to form by the county attorney and a copy of each contract shall be filed with the county auditor of any such county.

Sec. 2. *This act takes effect when approved by the county board of St. Louis county and upon compliance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 645.021.*

Approved May 18, 1967.

CHAPTER 564—S. F. No. 1802

An act relating to potato inspection; amending Minnesota Statutes 1965, Sections 30.16 and 30.17.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 30.16, is amended to read:

30.16 Potato inspection. All potatoes shipped by any person, in lots of 3,000 pounds or more from the state shall be inspected by an authorized federal-state inspector to determine the grade, quality, and condition of such shipment. All fees shall be assessed against the inspection certificate applicant and shall be collected by the commissioner from the firm or individual against whom the fee is assessed. *An application for inspection service shall be denied if the applicant has not paid all fees for prior inspection service assessed against him, the initial billings for which were deposited in the mail addressed to him more than 30 days before the application in question.* Sections 30.16 to 30.20 shall not apply to Minnesota-grown potatoes between July 1 and October 1 of each year.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1965, Section 30.17, is amended to read:

30.17 Place of inspection. Inspection of lots of potatoes

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