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Cities and the actual and necessary expenses of such delegates as such council or town board may designate to attend meetings of the league.

[1977 c 347 s 54]

465.73 Fire halls or equipment; direct loans to political subdivisions.

For purposes of constructing or acquiring fire halls or fire equipment any city, county or town may borrow up to \$100,000 directly from the Farmers Home Administration on a note secured by a mortgage on the real or personal property purchased with the borrowed funds. The city, county or town may assign revenues from the fire department or fire hall or any other available funds to the Farmers Home Administration to repay the loan. When the full faith and credit of the city, county or town is irrevocably pledged for the redemption of the note and mortgage, the taxes levied to pay principal and interest thereon shall be considered special levies within the meaning of section 275.50, subdivision 5, clause (j), and the amount of the obligation shall be included when computing the net debt of the political subdivision. Unless expressly provided otherwise in the mortgage instrument, when a city, county or town borrows on a mortgage and fails to repay all or a part of the mortgage, the agency is confined to the remedy of recovery of the property purchased with the borrowed funds. An election shall be required to authorize the note and mortgage unless the agency is confined to the remedy of recovery of the property.

[1977 c 210 s 1]

CHAPTER 466. TORT LIABILITY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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466.06 Liability insurance.

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The governing body of any municipality may procure insurance against liability of the municipality and its officers, employees, and agents for damages resulting from its torts and those of its officers, employees, and agents, including torts specified in section 466.03 for which the municipality is immune from liability; and such insurance may provide protection in excess of the limit of liability imposed by section 466.04. If the municipality has the authority to levy taxes, the premium costs for such insurance may be levied in excess of any per capita or millage tax limitation imposed by statute or charter; provided, a school district may not levy for premium costs pursuant to this section. Any independent board or commission in the municipality having authority to disburse funds for a particular municipal function without approval of the governing body may similarly procure liability insurance with respect to the field of its operation. The procurement of such insurance constitutes a waiver of the defense of governmental immunity to the extent of the liability stated in the policy but has no effect on the liability of the municipality beyond the coverage so provided.

[1977 c 447 art 6 s 11]

CHAPTER 471. RIGHTS, POWERS, DUTIES; SEVERAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

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[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 3. **Contracts over \$10,000.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$10,000, sealed bids shall be solicited by public notice in the manner and subject to the requirements of the law governing contracts by the particular municipality or class thereof provided that with regard to repairs and maintenance of ditches, bids shall not be required if the estimated amount of the contract does not exceed the amount specified in section 106.471, subdivision 2.

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Subd. 4. **Contracts from \$5,000 to \$10,000.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to exceed \$5,000 but not to exceed \$10,000, the contract may be made either upon sealed bids or by direct negotiation, by obtaining two or more quotations for the purchase or sale when possible, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

Subd. 5. **Contracts less than \$5,000.** If the amount of the contract is estimated to be \$5,000 or less, the contract may be made either upon quotation or in the open market, in the discretion of the governing body; but, so far as practicable, shall be based on at least two quotations which shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt thereof.

[For text of subds 6 and 7, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 182 s 1-3]

471.616 Group insurance; governmental units.

Subdivision 1. **Bidding required.** No governmental subdivision, political subdivision, or any other body corporate and politic authorized by law to purchase group insurance for its employees and providing or intending to provide such group insurance protections and benefits for 25 or more of its employees shall enter into a contract for or renew any such group insurance policy or contract without calling for bids and awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder by way of competitive bidding procedures similar to those for the provision of services and supplies under Minnesota Statutes 1971, Section 16.07, Subdivisions 1, 2, 4 and 5. Lowest responsible bidder means the insurer or service plan corporation submitting the lowest premium rate or the lowest charge for expenses and risk taking in accordance with the specifications for the coverage and administrative services from among such insurers or service plan corporations authorized to do business in this state which are deemed by the governmental unit to be financially able to carry the risk proposed and are capable of satisfactorily performing the administration of the policy or contract. The cost of changing insurers may also be considered in determining the lowest premium rate or the lowest charge for expenses and risk taking. The aggregate value of benefits provided by a contract entered into after July 1, 1973 shall not be less than those provided by the preexisting contract.

No such contract need be submitted to bid more frequently than once every 48 months, unless for any reason whatsoever, a 50 percent or greater change in the premium under the policy contract is provided, required or indicated.

When an insurer proposes an increase in rates, it shall accompany its proposal with an aggregate claims record for the appropriate period that explains the proposed increase. When a contract is resubmitted for bids the aggregate claims record shall accompany the specifications for the contract.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 343 s 1]

471.88 Exceptions.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 2. In the designation of a bank or savings association in which the officer is interested as an authorized depository for public funds and as a source of borrowing, no restriction shall apply to the deposit or borrowing of any funds or the designation of a depository by such authority or governmental unit in any bank or savings association in which a member of an authority or officer of a governmental unit shall have an interest if such deposited funds are protected in accordance with chapter 118; provided, however, that any member or officer having such

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an interest shall disclose that he is a director or employee of the bank or savings association, which disclosure shall be entered upon the minutes of the authority or governmental unit, such disclosure shall be made when such bank or savings association is first designated as a depository or as a source of borrowing, or when such member or officer is elected whichever is later, and such disclosure shall serve as notice of such interest and need not be made with each successive transaction;

[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 5. A contract for which competitive bids are not required by law and where the amount does not exceed \$5000 when the commodity or service contracted for is not otherwise available in the affected governmental unit;

[For text of subds 6 and 7, see M.S.1976]

Subd. 8. Contracts for goods or services when the consideration does not exceed \$5,000 in any year and the contracting governmental unit has a population of less than 5,000;

[For text of subds 9 to 11, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 55 s 1-3]

471.93 Appropriations for historical work by municipalities.

In cities of the second, third or fourth class, and statutory cities at any regular or properly called special meeting of the council, it may appropriate money for the purpose of collecting, preserving, storing, housing, printing, publishing, distributing and exhibiting data and material pertaining to the history of the city, for the purpose of commemorating the anniversary of any important and outstanding event in such history, and to preserve such history data and material for future generations. The amount appropriated shall not exceed \$2,000 in any one year.

[1977 c 86 s 1]

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472.13 Appropriation to development revolving fund.

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Subdivision 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the general fund in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$1,500,000 to the state executive council to be used for the purposes set forth in these sections excluding the necessary cost of administration thereof. The sum hereby appropriated shall be credited to a special account in the state treasury to be known as the development revolving fund to be drawn upon and used by the state agency in the manner and for the purposes provided for in these sections.

[For text of subds 2 to 4, see M.S.1976]

[1977 c 455 s 86]