

however, no purchase shall be artificially divided so as to constitute a small purchase under this division.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(a))

Sec. 46-92. Same—Sole source purchases.

The purchasing manager may make the purchase, under the policies and procedures of purchasing, of goods and/or services without competitive bid when the director of the using department has documented in writing that such good and/or service is the only item that meets the need and is available through only one source.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(b))

Sec. 46-93. Same—Emergency purchases.

In the event of an emergency, the county administrator, upon receipt of a written request transmitted through the purchasing manager, from the director or designee of a using department, may authorize emergency purchases which exceed \$50,000.00. Such purchases shall be exempted from the requirements of the competitive bid or proposal process of this article. Emergency purchases made by the county administrator of over \$50,000.00 shall be reported to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting and the county administrator's authority shall not be delegated to any other employee. Emergency purchases are subject to internal audit review.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(c); Ord. No. 98-47, 10-27-1998)

Sec. 46-94. Same—Cooperative purchases.

Notwithstanding any requirements of this article, the purchasing manager may purchase goods and/or services under contract with the federal, state, or municipal governments or any other governmental agency or political subdivision providing the vendor extends the same terms and conditions of the contract to the county and provided that the original contract was established by an open, competitive procurement process.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(d); Ord. No. 98-47, 10-27-1998)

Sec. 46-95. Same—Direct purchases.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this article, in the event that no bids are received, and the purchasing manager documents that no significant alterations in the specifications, qualification, or terms and conditions can be made to encourage competition, the county administrator may authorize the purchasing manager to make direct purchase of the goods or services from any vendor identified as being able to meet the original bid specifications.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(e))

Sec. 46-96. Same—Professional and consultant services.

(a) *Estimated value equal to or in excess of mandatory bid amount.* The procurement of the services of professionals or consultants when the estimated fee is equal to or in excess of the mandatory bid amount shall be awarded by competitive selection based upon an evaluation of the required qualifications of the professional or consultant and the scope of work. Evaluation and award will be made in accordance with the applicable sections of this article and may or may not be based in whole or in part upon price. Award of professional and consultant services shall include a contract which specifies the terms and conditions of services as negotiated between the county and vendor.

(b) *Estimated value less than the mandatory bid amount.* The procurement of the services of professionals or consultants when the estimated fee is less than the mandatory bid amount shall be awarded in accordance with procedures promulgated for small purchases set forth in section 46-91.

(c) *Waiver of requirements for competitive selection.* The board may waive the requirements for competitive selection and approve professional or consulting services upon recommendation of the administrator.

(Code 1985, § 1-14-21(3)(f))