## CHAPTER 168

## SECONDARY ROAD CONTRACTS

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AN ACT relating to the advertisement, letting, and approval of secondary road contracts. Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section three hundred nine point forty (309.40), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

309.40 Advertisement and letting. All contracts for road or

bridge construction work and materials therefor of which the engineer's estimate exceeds ten twenty thousand dollars, except surfacing materials obtained from local pits or quarries, shall be advertised and let at a public letting.

SEC. 2. Section three hundred nine point forty-one (309.41), Code 1975, is amended by striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

309.41 Optional advertisement and letting. Contracts not embraced within the provisions of section 309.40 shall be either advertised and let at a public letting; or, where the cost does not exceed the engineer's estimate, let through informal bid procedure by contacting at least three qualified bidders prior to letting the contract. The informal bids received together with a statement setting forth the reasons for use of the informal procedure and bid acceptance shall be entered in the minutes of the board of supervisors meeting at which such action was taken

Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to prohibit the board of supervisors from purchasing material and using county equipment and regularly employed county road personnel on a project within their capability as determined by the county engineer.

SEC. 3. Section three hundred nine point forty-two (309.42), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

**309.42** Approval of road contracts. Contracts for road construction work which, according to the engineer's estimate, involve a cost of two five thousand dollars or more per mile, or more than ten twenty thousand dollars in the aggregate shall be first approved by the department before the same shall be effective as a contract.

SEC. 4. Section three hundred nine point eighty (309.80), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

**309.80** Approval of contract. Any proposed contract which shall exceed the sum of two ten thousand dollars for any one bridge or culvert, or repairs thereof, shall be first approved by the department before the same shall be effective as a contract.

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This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see \$3.7 of the Code