

LEGISLATIVE BILL 628

Approved by the Governor May 24, 2011

Introduced by Cook, 13.

FOR AN ACT relating to personal property; to amend sections 23-3104, 23-3107, and 23-3115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change provisions relating to the sale of surplus personal property under the County Purchasing Act; to provide for the donation of motor vehicles by certain political subdivisions as prescribed; to harmonize provisions; and to repeal the original sections.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. Section 23-3104, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-3104 As used in the County Purchasing Act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) Mobile equipment ~~shall mean~~ means all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular, including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, off-road designed vehicles, motorcycles, passenger cars, self-propelled mobile homes, truck-tractors, trucks, cabin trailers, semitrailers, trailers, utility trailers, and road and general-purpose construction and maintenance machinery not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property, including, but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus, asphalt spreaders, bucket loaders, leveling graders, earthmoving carryalls, power shovels, earthmoving equipment, and crawler tractors;

(2) Personal property ~~shall include, but not be~~ includes, but is not limited to, supplies, materials, mobile equipment, and equipment used by or furnished to any county officer, office, department, institution, board, or other agency of the county government. Personal property ~~shall~~ does not include election ballots;

(3) Services ~~shall mean~~ means any and all services except telephone, telegraph, postal, and electric light and power service, other similar services, and election contractual services; and

(4) Purchasing or purchase ~~shall mean~~ means the obtaining of personal property or services by sale, lease, or other contractual means. Purchase ~~shall also include~~ includes contracting with sheltered workshops for products or services as provided in Chapter 48, article 15.

Sec. 2. Section 23-3107, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-3107 The county board or purchasing agent, subject to the approval of the county board, shall: (1) Prescribe the manner in which personal property shall be purchased, delivered, and distributed; (2) prescribe dates for making estimates, the future period which they are to cover, the form in which they are submitted, and the manner of their authentication; (3) revise forms from time to time as conditions warrant; (4) provide for the transfer to and between county departments and agencies of personal property which is surplus with one department or agency but which may be needed by another or others; (5) dispose of by sale personal property which has been declared by the county board to be surplus and which is obsolete or not usable by the county. ~~Such~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section 23-3115, such property with a value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars may be sold without competitive bidding. Property Except as otherwise provided in subsection (2) of section 23-3115, property with a value of two thousand five hundred dollars or more shall be sold through competitive bidding; (6) prescribe the amount of cash deposit or bond to be submitted with a bid on a contract and the amount of deposit or bond to be given for the performance of a contract, if the amount of the bond is not specifically provided by law; and (7) prescribe the manner in which claims for personal property or services delivered to any department or agency of the county shall be submitted, approved, and paid.

Sec. 3. Section 23-3115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is amended to read:

23-3115 (1) The county board or the purchasing agent, with the approval of the county board, may authorize a county official or employee to sell surplus personal property, other than mobile equipment, which is obsolete or not usable by the county, ~~other than mobile equipment, having and which has~~ a value of less than two thousand five hundred dollars. In making such authorization, the county board or purchasing agent may place any restriction on the type or value of property to be sold, restrict such authority to a single transaction or to a period of time, or make any other appropriate

restrictions or conditions.

(2) The county board or the purchasing agent, with the approval of the county board, may authorize a county official or employee to sell surplus mobile equipment which is obsolete or not usable by the county and which has a value of less than five thousand dollars. Surplus mobile equipment which is obsolete or not usable by the county and which has a value of five thousand dollars or more shall be sold through competitive bidding.

~~(2)~~ (3) Any county official or employee granted the authority to sell surplus personal property which is obsolete or not usable by the county as prescribed in subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall make a written report to the county board within thirty days after the end of the fiscal year reflecting, for each transaction, the item sold, the name and address of the purchaser, the price paid by the purchaser for each item, and the total amount paid by the purchaser.

~~(3)~~ (4) The money generated by any sales authorized by this section shall be payable to the county treasurer and shall be credited to the funds of the department, office, or agency to which the property belonged.

~~(4)~~ (5) No person authorized by the county board or purchasing agent to make such sales shall be authorized to make or imply any warranty of any kind whatsoever as to the nature, use, condition, or fitness for a particular purpose of any property sold pursuant to this section. Any person making sales authorized by this section shall inform the purchaser that such property is being sold as is without any warranty of any kind whatsoever.

Sec. 4. The governing body of a county, city, village, or public utility may authorize the donation of any motor vehicle that is owned by such county, city, village, or public utility, if the governing body has determined that the motor vehicle has reached the end of its useful life, to any charitable organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(19) of the Internal Revenue Code that is incorporated pursuant to the Nebraska Nonprofit Corporation Act unless such donation is prohibited by law. The governing body shall not authorize such donation if any employee of the charitable organization or any proposed recipient of the motor vehicle from the charitable organization is a family member of any member of the governing body. For purposes of this section, family member means a spouse, child, parent, brother, sister, grandchild, or grandparent by blood, marriage, or adoption.

Sec. 5. Original sections 23-3104, 23-3107, and 23-3115, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.