

1 AN ACT in relation to county government.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 (55 ILCS 5/5-1005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-1005)

5 Sec. 5-1005. Powers. Each county shall have power:

6 1. To purchase and hold the real and personal estate
7 property necessary for the uses of the county, and to
8 purchase and hold, for the benefit of the county, real estate
9 property sold by virtue of judicial proceedings in which the
10 county is plaintiff.

11 2. To sell and convey or lease any real or personal
12 estate property owned by the county.

13 3. To make all contracts and do all other acts in
14 relation to the property and concerns of the county necessary
15 to the exercise of its corporate powers.

16 4. To take all necessary measures and institute
17 proceedings to enforce all laws for the prevention of cruelty
18 to animals.

19 5. To purchase and hold or lease real estate upon which
20 may be erected and maintained buildings to be utilized for
21 purposes of agricultural experiments and to purchase, hold
22 and use personal property for the care and maintenance of
23 such real estate in connection with such experimental
24 purposes.

25 6. To cause to be erected, or otherwise provided,
26 suitable buildings for, and maintain a county hospital and
27 necessary branch hospitals and/or a county sheltered care
28 home or county nursing home for the care of such sick,
29 chronically ill or infirm persons as may by law be proper
30 charges upon the county, or upon other governmental units,
31 and to provide for the management of the same. The county
32 board may establish rates to be paid by persons seeking care

1 and treatment in such hospital or home in accordance with
2 their financial ability to meet such charges, either
3 personally or through a hospital plan or hospital insurance,
4 and the rates to be paid by governmental units, including the
5 State, for the care of sick, chronically ill or infirm
6 persons admitted therein upon the request of such
7 governmental units. Any hospital maintained by a county under
8 this Section is authorized to provide any service and enter
9 into any contract or other arrangement not prohibited for a
10 hospital that is licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act,
11 incorporated under the General Not-For-Profit Corporation
12 Act, and exempt from taxation under paragraph (3) of
13 subsection (c) of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

14 7. To contribute such sums of money toward erecting,
15 building, maintaining, and supporting any non-sectarian
16 public hospital located within its limits as the county board
17 of the county shall deem proper.

18 8. To purchase and hold real estate for the preservation
19 of forests, prairies and other natural areas and to maintain
20 and regulate the use thereof.

21 9. To purchase and hold real estate for the purpose of
22 preserving historical spots in the county, to restore,
23 maintain and regulate the use thereof and to donate any
24 historical spot to the State.

25 10. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
26 used in any manner to be determined by the board for the
27 suppression, eradication and control of tuberculosis among
28 domestic cattle in such county.

29 11. To take all necessary measures to prevent forest
30 fires and encourage the maintenance and planting of trees and
31 the preservation of forests.

32 12. To authorize the closing on Saturday mornings of all
33 offices of all county officers at the county seat of each
34 county, and to otherwise regulate and fix the days and the

1 hours of opening and closing of such offices, except when the
2 days and the hours of opening and closing of the office of
3 any county officer are otherwise fixed by law; but the power
4 herein conferred shall not apply to the office of State's
5 Attorney and the offices of judges and clerks of courts and,
6 in counties of 500,000 or more population, the offices of
7 county clerk.

8 13. To provide for the conservation, preservation and
9 propagation of insectivorous birds through the expenditure of
10 funds provided for such purpose.

11 14. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
12 expend the same for care and treatment of tuberculosis
13 residents.

14 15. In counties having less than 1,000,000 inhabitants,
15 to take all necessary or proper steps for the extermination
16 of mosquitoes, flies or other insects within the county.

17 16. To install an adequate system of accounts and
18 financial records in the offices and divisions of the county,
19 suitable to the needs of the office and in accordance with
20 generally accepted principles of accounting for governmental
21 bodies, which system may include such reports as the county
22 board may determine.

23 17. To purchase and hold real estate for the
24 construction and maintenance of motor vehicle parking
25 facilities for persons using county buildings, but the
26 purchase and use of such real estate shall not be for revenue
27 producing purposes.

28 18. To acquire and hold title to real property located
29 within the county, or partly within and partly outside the
30 county by dedication, purchase, gift, legacy or lease, for
31 park and recreational purposes and to charge reasonable fees
32 for the use of or admission to any such park or recreational
33 area and to provide police protection for such park or
34 recreational area. Personnel employed to provide such police

1 protection shall be conservators of the peace within such
2 park or recreational area and shall have power to make
3 arrests on view of the offense or upon warrants for violation
4 of any of the ordinances governing such park or recreational
5 area or for any breach of the peace in the same manner as the
6 police in municipalities organized and existing under the
7 general laws of the State. All such real property outside the
8 county shall be contiguous to the county and within the
9 boundaries of the State of Illinois.

10 19. To appropriate funds from the county treasury to be
11 used to provide supportive social services designed to
12 prevent the unnecessary institutionalization of elderly
13 residents, or, for operation of, and equipment for, senior
14 citizen centers providing social services to elderly
15 residents.

16 20. To appropriate funds from the county treasury and
17 loan such funds to a county water commission created under
18 the "Water Commission Act", approved June 30, 1984, as now or
19 hereafter amended, in such amounts and upon such terms as the
20 county may determine or the county and the commission may
21 agree. The county shall not under any circumstances be
22 obligated to make such loans. The county shall not be
23 required to charge interest on any such loans.

24 All contracts for the purchase of coal under this Section
25 shall be subject to the provisions of "An Act concerning the
26 use of Illinois mined coal in certain plants and
27 institutions", filed July 13, 1937, as amended.

28 (Source: P.A. 86-962; 86-1028.)