

# **SB 897 Letter of Support CC Commissioners.pdf**

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February 6, 2023

Senator Justin Ready  
315 James Senate Office Building

Delegate April Rose  
213 Lowe House Office Building

Dear Chairs Ready and Rose,

We support the attached legislative proposal to increase the threshold below which the County's Procurement Officer may approve bids. The current threshold is \$25,000 and we propose to raise it to \$50,000. We believe the proposed level is appropriate for two reasons; 1) it serves to keep up with the rate of inflation, and; 2) it eases the amount of work to conduct a formal bid for the very few bids that fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Procurement staff are simply executing on items included in our approved budget. We took up the proposal at our open session on Thursday, February 2, and voted 5-0 to refer the proposal to the delegation. We respectfully request that you sponsor the proposed legislation on our behalf.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY

  
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# **SB897 Carroll County Contracts and Purchasing Writ**

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JUSTIN READY  
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 15, 2023

**Senator Justin Ready**  
**SB 897** Carroll County - Contracts and Purchasing

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Chairman Guzzone, Vice Chair Rosapepe and members of the Budget and Tax Committee:

Senate Bill 897 was requested by the Carroll County commissioners. It would increase the threshold below which the County's Procurement Officer may approve bids. The commissioners would like the threshold which is currently at \$25,000 be raised to \$50,000. The request was made for two reasons, 1) it serves to keep up with inflation, and 2) it will ease the amount of work required to conduct a formal bid for the very few bids that fall between \$25,000 and \$50,000. Procurement staff are simply executing items that are in the already approved budget. The last time bid amount was raised was in 2001 and it was raised from \$12,000 to \$25,000 (2001 HB 1034)

A link to the bid process and open bids can be found at:

<https://www.carrollcountymd.gov/government/directory/comptroller/procurement/bidding-procedures/>

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 897, a letter from the Carroll County Commissioners, a letter of support from the delegation and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 897.

# **SB897 CCContractsandPurchasingdelegation letter of**

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# **SB897 CCContractsandPurchasingVotingSheet.pdf**

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Carroll County Delegation Meeting

Zoom

Thursday February 23, 2023 9:00am

Voting on Bill

SB 897 - Contracts and Purchasing

Sen Ready	Yes	No
Sen West	Yes	No
Del Rose	Yes	No
Del Tomlinson	Yes	No
Del Bouchat	Yes	No
Del Stonko	Yes	No



# **SB897 Carroll Commissioners FWA.pdf**

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March 14, 2023

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
3 West  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB897 – Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing – **FWA**

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee,


We write in support of SB897 – Carroll County – Contracts and Purchasing which will raise the limit under which our Procurement Officer may authorize purchases of supplies and equipment on our behalf without requiring a formal bid process. The current limit is \$25,000 and we are asking for the limit to be raised to \$50,000 as we believe this will result in increased efficiency and reduce administrative costs. For purchases under the limit, we will continue to require the Procurement Officer to obtain three (3) competitive quotes from approved vendors. We are confident this process will continue to meet our county's needs while we, as the Board of County Commissioners, retain full authority over expenditures of county resources.


Regarding a proposed amendment we ask that the reference to the "Chief of the Bureau of Purchasing" in the bill be changed to "Procurement Officer." The position's title was changed to better align with the same position in other counties.

For these reasons we respectfully ask for a favorable report on SB897.

Sincerely,

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