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If no emergency exists, the county commissioners may submit in the next budget estimates of expenditures for construction of bridges from the proceeds of a bond issue. (Sections 4613.1 and 4613.4, R. C.) If an emergency is found to exist, as provided by Section 4613.6, R. C., expenditures for the construction of the bridge may be made by warrants, as in this section provided, which may be funded by a bond issue, as provided by Section 4630.1, subdivision (e), R. C.

Opinion No. 322.

Counties—Roads and Bridges—Bridge Fund—Bonds—County Commissioners.

HELD: The Board of County Commissioners is vested with power and authority to issue, negotiate and sell coupon bonds of the county for the construction of bridges but if the indebtedness or liability exceeds \$10,000 for any single purpose it must be approved by a majority of the electors.

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You have submitted the following: It is necessary for Fallon County to reconstruct a bridge which has collapsed and has been condemned. There are insufficient funds in the bridge fund to pay for the cost, estimated at \$8,000, and the maximum levy for 1936 will be insufficient to pay for its cost and take care of the other bridges in the county during the fiscal year. You desire to know whether the county commissioners may issue bonds so that payment may be spread over more than one year.

By Section 4630.1, Subdivision (c), R. C., the board of county commissioners of every county is vested with the power and authority to issue, ne-