Ohio Revised Code
Section 153.61 Agreement for joint construction and management.
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Any county or counties and any municipal corporation or municipal corporations may enter into an agreement providing for the joint construction, acquisition, or improvement of any public work, public building, or other permanent improvement benefiting the parties thereto and providing for the joint management, occupancy, maintenance, and repair thereof. Any such agreement shall be approved by resolution or ordinance passed by the legislative authority of each of the parties to such agreement, which resolution or ordinance shall set forth the agreement in full and shall authorize the execution thereof by designated official or officials of each of such parties, and such agreement, when so approved and executed, shall be in full force and effect.

Any agreement entered into under authority of this section shall contain the following provisions:

(A) The method by which the work, building, or improvement, to be specified therein, shall be constructed, acquired, or improved, and specifically a designation of one of the parties to take and have exclusive charge of any and all details of construction, acquisition, or improvement, including any advertising for bids and the award of any construction or improvement contract. Except as otherwise provided in this division, the procedure generally applicable to the party so designated shall be followed in the use of force account or the advertising for bids and awarding of a contract. Section 153.36 of the Revised Code does not apply to the building or the addition to or alteration, repair, or improvement of a jail undertaken pursuant to a joint agreement provided for in this section.

(B) The manner in which the title to the public work, building, or improvement including the site and interests in real estate necessary therefor, is to be held;

(C) The manner in which the public work, building, or improvement is to be managed, occupied, maintained, and repaired, and specifically a designation of the person, officer, or body to be responsible for such management, maintenance, and repair. If the public work, building, or improvement involves only a multicounty, municipal-county, or multicounty-municipal jail, workhouse, or correctional facility, the agreement may delegate management, maintenance, and
repair responsibilities to a corrections commission established pursuant to section 307.93 of the Revised Code.

(D) An apportionment among the parties of the cost of jointly constructing, acquiring, or improving such work, building, or improvement and of jointly managing, maintaining, and repairing it.

Each party to such an agreement may issue securities for its portion of the cost of such construction, acquisition, or improvement if Chapter 133. or other provisions of the Revised Code would authorize the issuance of such securities by such party alone for the purpose for which it then intends to use the work, building, or improvement.

As used in this section, "construction, acquisition, or improvement" includes acquisition of real estate and interests in real estate therefor, site improvements, and furniture, furnishings, and equipment therefor.

The authority granted under this section shall not extend to the construction, acquisition, improvement, or management of any public utility facility.

Public works, public buildings, or improvements constructed, acquired, or improved under this section may be used for any lawful purpose by each party so long as the use thereof is an authorized proper use for that party.