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APPROVAL, BONDS OF EDENTON RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, CLERMONT COUNTY, \$3,259.00, TO FUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 2, 1924.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

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DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF WELLSTON, JACKSON COUNTY, \$1,800.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 2, 1924.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

Re: Bonds of City of Wellston, Jackson County, \$1,800.00.

GENTLEMEN:—I have examined the transcript furnished this department in connection with the foregoing issue and find that I am compelled to disapprove the same for the following reasons:

1. The bond ordinance provides for the issuance of bonds "in order to provide a fund for the purpose of purchasing fire apparatus to equip the fire department," and the original resolution provides:

"Whereas, the Council of the City of Wellston, Ohio, contemplates the issuance of \$1,800.00 worth of bonds, for the purpose of purchasing fire apparatus to equip the fire department of said city, and

Whereas, it is necessary to purchase twelve hundred (1,200) feet of fire hose, one (1) 30-foot ladder, one (1) 40-foot ladder, one (1) ceiling hook, two (2) copper jackets, one (1) door opener, two (2) nozzles, and four (4) smoke masks for said fire department," etc.

Section 3939 G. C. provides that bonds may be issued "for erecting any building necessary for a fire department, purchasing fire engines, fire boats, constructing water towers and fire cisterns." As this section must be strictly construed as to the purposes for which it may be applied, and as a basis for a bond issue, it does not seem that any authority exists under this section, or any other provision of law, for the purposes set out in the transcript for the issuance of bonds as mentioned above.

I am therefore of the opinion that these bonds are not constituted good, valid and binding obligations of the city and advise the Industrial Commission not to purchase the same.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney-General.