

Specifically answering your question, in the absence of any such rule to the contrary, a sheriff may lawfully purchase food already prepared for consumption from a restaurant or other person, subject, however, to such rules and regulations relating to the *purchasing* of food as may be prescribed by the county commissioners and to the limitations of Section 2850, General Code, that he shall be allowed only the actual cost of feeding such inmates but at a rate not to exceed seventy-five cents per day of three meals each.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

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834.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF EMPIRE, JEFFERSON COUNTY—  
\$4,082.25.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 5, 1927.

*Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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835.

BOARDS OF EDUCATION—MAY CONTRACT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS FOR AN ENTIRE SCHOOL YEAR OR FOR A TERM OF YEARS.

**SYLLABUS:**

*Boards of education may in their discretion contract for the transportation of pupils for an entire school year or for a longer period if they deem it advisable, provided the general provisions of law with reference to the making of contracts by boards of education are complied with.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 6, 1927.

HON. J. L. CLIFTON, *Director of Education, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your inquiry as follows:

“We have an inquiry as to the length of time for which a board of education may contract with a bus owner or driver for the transportation of school children. On the one hand, the statutes seem to restrict a board of education from making any contract beyond the close of the fiscal year. On the other hand, such a thing as a contract on a unit basis is recognized which may be carried over to a subsequent budgetary period. On these latter terms it would seem that a board might contract with the bus owner or driver for a period of years.