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## APPROVAL, BOND FOR FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES— LEO. A. BREEN.

Columbus, Ohio, October 26, 1927.

HON GEORGE F. SCHLESINGER, Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my consideration an official bond of Leo A. Breen, given in accordance with the requirements of Section 1182 of the General Code, for the faithful performance of his duties as Resident Deputy State Highway Commissioner.

To this bond is attached a certificate of the surety company, to the effect that the person signing said bond in behalf of said company is its attorney in fact, and is authorized to sign an official bond of this nature for the amount therein involved, binding upon said company.

There is also attached a certificate from the Department of Commerce, Division of Insurance, to the effect that the surety company signing this bond is authorized to transact its appropriate business of fidelity and surety insurance within this state.

Finding said bond in proper legal form and properly executed, I have noted my approval thereon, and am returning the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,
Edward C. Turner,
Attorney General.

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## APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND IN THE VILLAGE OF NEWCOMERSTOWN, TUSCARAWAS COUNTY, OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, October 26, 1927.

HON. G. F. Schlesinger, Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—You have submitted for my opinion an abstract of title prepared and certified under date of July 1, 1927, by Mrs. Jessie B. Arx, abstracter, which is accompanied by an encumbrance estimate and a deed for the following premises, situate in the Village of Newcomerstown, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, more particularly described as:

Beginning at a point, (at N. W. Corner) in the center line of West Street, located south 5 degrees and 30' west along this center line 217.86 feet from the south boundary line of the P. C. C. & St. L. R. R.; thence south 84 degrees and 30' east 171 feet; thence south 5 degrees 30' west 254.75 feet; thence north 84 degrees and 30' west 171 feet; thence north 5 degrees 30' east 254.75 feet to the point of beginning, containing one acre, more or less.

After an examination of the abstract of title, it is my opinion that John C. Couts has a good and merchantable title to said premises, subject to the taxes for 1927, payable one-half in December, 1927, and one-half in June, 1928, the amount of which is yet undetermined.

The deed submitted was executed by John C. and Mary E. Couts, his wife, on the 25th of June, 1927, and by them acknowledged before a notary public on the same day, by which deed they transfer to the State of Ohio the property under investigation free and clear from all encumbrances. The deed is in proper form and has already been recorded on June 29, 1927, in Vol. 204, page 474 of the Tuscarawas County Records. On delivery to and acceptance by the state, such deed will transfer a good title to the State of Ohio.

The encumbrance estimate is numbered 3178, dated October 6, 1927, and covers an encumbrance of \$650.00 out of M. & R. appropriation account. It has been approved by yourself and the Director of Finance under date of October 13, 1927.

Expenditure of funds for this purchase has been consented to and approved by the Controlling Board at a meeting on October 3, 1927.

The abstract of title, blue print, deed, encumbrance estimate and notice of the Controlling Board are herewith returned.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND IN ROSS TOWNSHIP, JEFFERSON COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 26, 1927.

HON. CHARLES V. TRUAX, Director, Department of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have resubmitted for my opinion a form of deed and abstract of title last certified by R. G. Porter, abstracter of Steubenville, Ohio, under date of October 14, 1927, covering land situate in Ross township, Jefferson County, Ohio, more particularly described in Opinions Numbers 707 and 1038, rendered under dates of July 8th and September 22, 1927, said land consisting of two tracts, one containing 6 and 15/16 acres, more or less, and the other containing 80 acres, more or less.

Upon examination of the resubmitted abstract, I am of the opinion that the same now shows a good and merchantable title to both tracts in Clyde E. and John H. Wilson, subject to the following encumbrances:

- 1. The June instalment of the 1926 taxes, amounting to \$22.21.
- 2. The 1927 taxes, amount yet undetermined.
- 3. An assessment for the construction of the Richmond-Pravo Road in the sum of \$133.92, payable in twelve instalments of \$11.16 each, the next instalment being payable in December, 1927.

The deed is in the same form as when passed upon by me under date of September 15, 1927; and as before advised, it is in all respects in proper form, and will, when delivered, pass good title to the State of Ohio in both tracts.

The abstract of title and deed are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,

Attorney General.