

the obligations of the contract. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which The Southern Surety Company appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

1396.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, 110.56 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED IN
HUNTINGTON TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 23, 1924.

HON. EDMUND SECREST, *State Forester, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station,
Wooster, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—An examination of a deed and abstract of title submitted to this department discloses the following:

The abstract under consideration was prepared by Luther B. Yapple, Attorney-at-Law and Abstaracter, under date of March 7, 1924. The abstract was also later supplemented by two additional affidavits and a further statement of the Abstaracter under date of March 29, 1924, which statement and affidavit have been attached to the original abstract.

The abstract as submitted pertains to the following premises, to wit, 110.56 acres of land located in Huntington Township, Ross County, Ohio, belonging to William D. Bean and Melvina Bean, and being more particularly described in the caption of the abstract, to which this opinion is attached.

Upon examination of said abstract, I am of the opinion that same shows a good and merchantable title to said premises in William D. Bean and Melvina Bean, husband and wife, subject to the following:

Attention is directed to the matter of the possible dower interest of the wife of George Haas. George Haas was apparently married at the time of making the quit claim deed as recorded in Vol. 76, page 265, of the Deed Records of Ross County, Ohio. It is also noted from a statement of the abstaracter that George Haas is now deceased and the exact residence of his widow, if she is still living, is unknown. It is possible that she is still living, and residing somewhere in Nebraska, but from the statement of the abstaracter it appears that she would be a woman of considerably advanced years and it is not believed that her dower claim, if it still exists, would be a matter of any importance. Therefore, while I am pointing this out, I believe under all the circumstances, considering the value of the property conveyed and the extreme age of the widow, if she is still living, that you would be justified in passing this exception.

Attention is also directed to what appears to be a very indefinite and unhappy description of the forty acre tract of land conveyed by William D. Bean and wife

to Arminta Leatherwood, which deed, it appears in the abstract, is recorded in Vol. 185, at pp. 161 and 162, of the Deed Record of Ross County.

Notwithstanding the description referred to is very inaccurate, I am advised by the abstracter that you have been over the ground that is being conveyed to the State of Ohio and are satisfied under all the circumstances that this description will not be at all vital. If that is the fact, I believe you will be justified in passing this deficiency.

The abstract does not indicate anything with reference to the current taxes on the premises described and you are advised that you should procure a receipted tax bill from the grantors covering the current taxes.

It is further suggested that the proper delivery of the already executed deed submitted with the abstract will be sufficient to convey the title to said premises to the State of Ohio.

Attention is also directed to the necessity of the proper certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unincumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to cover the purchase price before the purchase can be consummated.

The abstract and deed submitted by you are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney General.

1397.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF SOMERSET, PERRY COUNTY,
\$16,000.00, TO IMPROVE CERTAIN STREETS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 24, 1924.

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

1398.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF PERRY TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,
ALLEN COUNTY, \$1,994.28, TO FUND CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 24, 1924.

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

1399.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF CLARINGTON, MONROE COUNTY,
\$20,000.00, STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 28, 1924.

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