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APPROVAL—CONTRACT FOR PLUMBING WORK FOR PROJECT KNOWN AS COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE, OAK HARBOR, OHIO, \$910.00, UNITED STATES GUARANTEE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, SURETY—J. F. OELGOETZ COMPANY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, CONTRACTOR.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 4, 1936.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works for the Department of Highways, and the J. F. Oelgoetz Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Contract for Plumbing Work for a project known as County Highway Garage, Oak Harbor, Ohio, in accordance with Item No. 2 of the form of proposal dated March 16, 1936. Said contract calls for an expenditure of nine hundred and ten dollars (\$910.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover the obligations of the contract. You have also submitted certificates of the Controlling Board showing that such board has released funds for this project, in accordance with section 8 of House Bill No. 531 of the regular session of the 91st General Assembly.

In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Guarantee Company of New York, 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,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.