

The abstract does not disclose that there are any assessments levied and unpaid on the property. The taxes for the year 1927, amounting to \$5.32, according to the abstracter, were paid in full in December, 1927. In view of this fact there is no reason why any exceptions whatever should be stated in the clause wherein the grantor covenants that the premises are clear and free from all encumbrances.

Said abstracts of title above noted, deed, encumbrance estimate and other files are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

EDWARD C. TURNER,

*Attorney General.*

1955.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND SAM McCLEARY, COSHOCTON, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FISH HATCHERY AT COSHOCTON, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$8,374.75—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AMERICAN GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 11, 1928.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *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 Agriculture—Division of Fish and Game, and Sam McCleary, of Coshocton, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of General Contract for Fish Hatchery, located at Coshocton, Coshocton County, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of eight thousand three hundred and seventy-four and seventy-five one hundredths dollars (\$8,374.75).

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 a certificate from the Controlling Board, signed by the Secretary thereof, that in accordance with Section 12 of House Bill No. 502, 87th General Assembly, said board has properly consented to and approved the expenditure of the moneys appropriated by the 87th General Assembly for the purpose covered by this contract. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the American Guaranty 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,

EDWARD C. TURNER,

*Attorney General.*