

and calls for an expenditure of \$18,500.00.

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and 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,  
C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*

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ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, TO LAND IN ALLEN COUNTY, IN THE  
NAME OF EMMET R. CURTIN.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 25, 1926.

HON. G. F. SCHLESINGER, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works,*  
*Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—YOU have submitted on behalf of the Department of Public Welfare, an abstract last continued by Atmur & Atmur, attorneys-at-law, January 25, 1926, and inquire as to the status of the title of 176 acres of land, more or less, situated in the county of Allen and State of Ohio, which said land is more particularly described in said abstract, as disclosed by the abstract.

After an examination, it is my opinion that the abstract, together with certain supplementary matters that are attached thereto, discloses a good title to said premises in the name of Emmet R. Curtin, free from encumbrances, excepting the taxes for the year 1925, which are a lien on said land and should be paid before the deed is finally accepted by the state and the warrant delivered.

You have further submitted a deed which it is believed is sufficient to convey said premises to the state when the same is delivered.

You further submit a certificate from the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in the sum of \$47,527.65 to cover the purchase price of said premises.

The abstract, deed and encumbrance estimate are being herewith returned.

Respectfully,  
C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*