

Company of Cedar Falls, Iowa. This contract covers the construction and completion of stall equipment, cattle building, Ohio State Fair Grounds, and calls for an expenditure of \$21,665.00.

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 Globe Indemnity 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, informal bids were taken and 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.

1372.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF SYLVANIA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, LUCAS COUNTY, \$50,000.00, TO ERECT AND FURNISH NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 17, 1924.

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

1373.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, PART OF SURVEY 15056, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 18, 1924.

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

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

The abstract under consideration was prepared by W. J. Beyerly, Abstracter, under date of March 24, 1924, and pertains to the following premises:

Being part of Survey 15056, situated in Franklin Township, Ross County, Ohio, and more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a stone on the bank of the branch, where two sugar trees

and an ash are called for, original corner to Survey No. 15056: Thence S. 53 deg. W. 3.63 poles to a stake; thence S. 17 deg. 30' E. 18.6 poles to a post on the bank of the run; thence S. 18 deg. 30' W. 11.62 poles to a stake in the bank of the run; thence S. 3 deg. W. 8.48 poles to a hickory tree 8" in diameter; thence S. 1 deg. 8' E. 44 poles to a white oak 14" in diameter; thence S. 22 deg. 40' W. 11.6 poles to another white oak 14" in diameter; thence S. 71 deg. 40' W. 9.66 poles to a stake in the line of C. A. Lancaster; thence with his line S. 22 deg. E. 75.2 poles to a stake, corner to said Lancaster and W. A. Ullery's land; thence with said Ullery's line S. 77 deg. E. 48 poles to a black oak and elm in the original line of said survey 15056 and 13441; thence with said line N. 13 deg. E. 89 poles to two hickories and a white oak, corner to the said Surveys 15056, 13441 and 9809; thence with the line of said surveys 15056 and 9809, N. 34 deg. W. 70 poles to two chestnut oaks; thence S. 83 deg. W. 27 poles to two chestnut oaks; thence N. 22 deg. W. 40 poles to the place of beginning, containing fifty-nine (59) acres more or less, according to Survey made March, 1924, by H. M. Redd.

Upon examination of said abstract, I am of the opinion that same shows a good and merchantable title to said premises in J. F. Balwanz, subject to the following exceptions:

The certificate of the abstracter makes no reference to the taxes for the year 1923, or in fact to any taxes, except to certify that the premises are free from all liens and encumbrances. I would suggest that the present owner, Mr. J. F. Balwanz, be required to submit a receipted tax bill covering the taxes for the year 1923, before the consideration is paid over to him by the state. I believe that the deed as submitted and already executed will be sufficient to convey a fee simple title to the premises to the State of Ohio when said deed is properly delivered.

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

The abstract and deed submitted are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

Attorney General.

1374.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, PARTS OF SURVEYS NUMBERS 3157 AND 15056 OF VIRGINIA MILITARY DISTRICT, FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 18, 1924.

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

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

The abstract under consideration was prepared by Timmons Harmount, Abstractor, at Chillicothe, Ohio, on December 29, 1897, and a continuation thereto by Harry B. Grace, Abstractor, under date of April 10, 1924, and pertains to the following premises: