

" \* \* \* In maintaining, repairing, resurfacing, reconstructing or widening intercounty highways or main market roads, the director of highways and public works shall proceed by contract let to the lowest and best bidder, after advertisement as provided in section 1206 of the General Code. The director may, however, proceed by employing labor, purchasing materials and furnishing equipment, where the total expenditure per mile of road does not exceed three thousand dollars."

Section 6948-1, General Code, as amended in the same act provides in part as follows:

"If the county commissioners deem it for the best interest of the public, they may, in lieu of constructing such improvement by contract, proceed to construct the same by force account. Where the total estimated cost of the improvement exceeds three thousand dollars per mile, the commissioners shall be required to invite and receive competitive bids for the work, before ordering the same done by force account. The provisions of this section shall apply both to new construction and to repair work. \* \* \*"

There seems to be an emphasized distinction with respect to force account work in these two sections. Under the provision of section 1224, General Code, the director of highways may proceed by force account when the cost does not exceed three thousand dollars per mile, while the county commissioners may proceed by force account whenever they deem it for the best interests of the public, and in cases where the cost exceeds three thousand dollars per mile, then the board shall first invite and receive bids before ordering the same done by force account. There does not seem to be any other statutory limitation as to amount after inviting and receiving competitive bids for the work in excess of three thousand dollars per mile.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,

*Attorney General.*

2801.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON IMPROVEMENTS IN: GEAUGA, ADAMS, ATHENS, COLUMBIANA, DELAWARE, FAIRFIELD, HURON, MAHONING, PUTNAM, RICHLAND AND WARREN COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 24, 1925.

*Department of Highways and Public Works, Division of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—I am in receipt of your letter of September 23rd, 1925, enclosing for my approval, among others, certified copies of final resolutions on the following improvements:

Hambden-Andover road, I. C. H. No. 475, Sec. C, types A and B, Geauga county.

West Union-Portsmouth road, I. C. H. No. 119, Sec. A, Adams county.

Athens-Marietta road, I. C. H. No. 157, Sec. E, Athens county.

Ohio River road, I. C. H. No. 7, Sec. B, proposals 1 and 2, Columbiana county.

Delaware-Mt. Gilead road, I. C. H. No. 332, Sec. J, Delaware county.  
Lancaster-New Lexington road, I. C. H. No. 357, Secs. O and G-2, types A and B, Fairfield county.

Plymouth-Norwalk road, I. C. H. No. 292, Sec. N, types A and B, Huron county.

Youngstown-New Bedford road, I. C. H. No. 85, Sec. A, proposals 1 and 2, Mahoning county.

Ottawa-Grand Rapids road, I. C. H. No. 285, Secs. Ottawa North and A, proposal No. 1, A B C types, Proposal No. 2, A B C types, Putnam county.

Shelby-Plymouth road, I. C. H. No. 437, Sec. Plymouth north, proposal No. 1, types A, B and C; proposal No. 2, types A, B and C, Richland county.

Cincinnati-Zanesville road, I. C. H. No. 10, Sec. S, Bridge, Warren county.

I have carefully examined said resolutions, find them correct in form and legal, and am therefore returning the same to you with my approval endorsed thereon in accordance with section 1218, General Code.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*

2802.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS IN THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:  
DARKE, WAYNE, TRUMBULL, LAKE, JEFFERSON, AND COSHOCTON COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 24, 1925.

*Department of Highways and Public Works, Division of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—I am in receipt of your letter of September 24, 1925, enclosing for my approval certified copies of final resolutions on the following improvements:

Greenville-Union City road, I. C. H. No. 212, Sec. "Union City," Darke county.

Wooster-Massillon road, I. C. H. 69, Sec. "Dalton," Wayne county.

Chagrin Falls-Greenville road, I. C. H. 35, Secs. N-2 and O-1, Trumbull county.

Painesville-Warren road, I. C. H. 153, Sec. Bridge, "G," Lake county.

Ohio River road, I. C. H. No. 7, Sec. Brilliant, North, Jefferson county.

Mt. Vernon-Coshocton road, I. C. H. 339, Sec. D, Bridge, Coshocton county.

I have carefully examined said resolutions, find them correct in form and legal, and am therefore returning the same to you with my approval endorsed thereon in accordance with section 1218, General Code.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*