

that the same are in conformity with section 471, General Code, under the authority of which these leases are executed, and with other statutes relating to leases of this kind.

I am, therefore, approving this lease as to legality and form as is evidenced by my approval endorsed upon the lease and the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

Respectfully,
 JOHN W. BRICKER,
Attorney General.

3340.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF YOUNGSTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT,
 MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO, \$439,868.60.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 23, 1934.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

3341.

MOTOR VEHICLE—DRIVER EMPLOYED BY COUNTY, OPERATING
 COUNTY OWNED AUTOMOBILE, LIABLE FOR NEGLIGENT OPER-
 ATION THEREOF.

SYLLABUS:

The driver of a county owned motor vehicle, employed by the county for that purpose, is liable in damages for the direct and proximate results of his negligence in the operation of said motor vehicle.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, October 24, 1934.

HON. GEORGE N. GRAHAM, *Prosecuting Attorney, Canton, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my opinion, which reads as follows:

“Some time ago you gave your opinion that the county commissioners could not purchase liability insurance on trucks owned and operated by the county, and further that the county could not be held in damages by reason of the operation of such trucks for the county.

The question now presents itself as follows: Would an individual employed by the county as a truck driver and operating a truck owned by the county and doing work for the county be individually liable for damage done by such trucks while being operated by such individual and employee.

We would appreciate your opinion on this question and we feel that it is of sufficient importance throughout the state to justify us in calling upon you for your opinion.”