

I note that this lease is a renewal of a former lease, and that the valuation placed on the lands by your department is \$27,866.67.

Upon careful examination, I find said lease to be correct in form and legal, and I am returning the same to you with my approval endorsed thereon.

Respectfully,

JOHN G. PRICE,
Attorney-General.

2801.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF BELMONT COUNTY, OHIO, IN AMOUNT OF
\$54,600 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 18, 1922.

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

2802.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF BEXLEY VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN
AMOUNT OF \$50,000.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 18, 1922.

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

2803.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT OF STATE OF OHIO WITH PEARL BRICKER
AND BEN S. WALKER, OF MT. STERLING AND LONDON, FOR CON-
STRUCTION OF SEWER AT INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE MINDED
AT ORIENT, OHIO—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY P. F. MOONEY
AND LESLIE BRICKER.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 19, 1922.

HON. LEON C. HERRICK, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works,*
Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to me for approval a contract (five copies) between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and Pearl Bricker and Ben S. Walker, of Mt. Sterling and London, Ohio. This contract is for the construction of a sewer at the Institution for the Feeble Minded at Orient, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of one thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (\$1,790.00).

Accompanying said contract is a bond to insure faithful performance, executed by P. F. Mooney and Leslie Bricker.

I have before me the certificate of the Director of Finance that there is an unencumbered balance legally appropriated sufficient to cover the obligations of this contract.

Finding said contract and bond in proper legal form, I have this day noted my approval thereon, and return same to you herewith, together with all other data submitted to me in this connection.

Respectfully,
 JOHN G. PRICE,
Attorney-General.

2804.

SCHOOLS—WHERE RURAL OR VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT MAKES AGREEMENT WITH PARENT FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CHILD AND DISTRICT OWNS NO VEHICLES, ONLY ONE-THIRD THE AMOUNT PAID FOR TRANSPORTING SUCH PUPIL SHALL CONSTITUTE "PERSONAL SERVICE EXPENSE" AS DEFINED IN SECTION 7787 G. C.—IN ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL FUNDS BY COUNTY AUDITOR EXPENSE THAT MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS IN VILLAGE OR RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL BE FIFTY PER CENT OF "PERSONAL SERVICE EXPENSE" INCURRED IN SUCH TRANSPORTATION.

1. *Where a rural school district or a village school district, acting under section 7731-4 G. C., makes an agreement with a parent or other person in charge of a child for the transportation of such child to school, and the district owns neither the vehicle nor the means of locomotion, only one-third the amount paid for transporting such pupils shall constitute the "personal service expense" as defined in section 7787 G. C.*

2. *In the annual distribution of school funds by the county auditor after each semi-annual settlement with the county treasurer, the expense that may be attributed to the transportation of pupils in a village district or a rural school district shall be fifty per cent of the "personal service expense" incurred in such transportation, as defined in section 7787 G. C.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 20, 1922.

HON. KARL TIMMERMEISTER, *Prosecuting Attorney, Wapakoneta, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of your request for the opinion of this department upon the following question:

"Can the local board, acting under section 7731-4, draw fifty per cent of the personal service expense in transportation from the county, under section 7600?"

It is understood that your question is upon those cases where a board of education, exercising its option of providing transportation in one form or another for school pupils, exercise such option in the manner set forth in the closing part of the first paragraph of section 7731-4, as amended in 109 O. L., p. 290, and reading as follows:

"If a local board deems the transportation of certain children to school by school conveyance impracticable and is unable to secure what is deemed a reasonable offer for the transportation of such children the local board shall so report to the county board of education. If the county board of education deems such transportation by school conveyance practicable or the offers reasonable they shall so inform the local board and transportation