

pared 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 Act 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,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND HOPPER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC., WORTHINGTON, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF T. B. WARD AT HOSPITAL, GIRLS' INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, DELAWARE, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$9,790.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 14, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Superintendent of Public Works, for the Department of Public Welfare, and Hopper Construction Company, Inc., of Worthington, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of general contract for T. B. Ward at hospital, Girls' Industrial School, Delaware, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of nine thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (\$9,790.00).

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.

You have also submitted a bond with personal sureties, the auditor of Delaware County having certified that said sureties are worth in the aggregate in an amount beyond their debts above the contract price sufficient to insure the carrying out of the terms and provisions of said contract, and further that said sureties have property in Ohio liable to execution in the amount certified.

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 law requiring the certificate of premium payment as certified to by the Department of Industrial Relations has been complied with.

In this connection, it will be noted that the award was made prior to January 1, 1929, and that the original appropriation lapsed before such contract was approved by the Attorney General. However, it will be further noted that the 88th General Assembly, in Amended House Bill No. 203, reappropriated such funds and authorized the expenditure of money for such purposes with the consent and approval of the Controlling Board, which has been obtained.

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,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.