

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 laws relating to the Workmen's Compensation Act have 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.*

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND PITTSBURGH-DES MOINES STEEL COMPANY, PITTSBURGH, PA., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STEEL WATER TOWER, INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE-MINDED, APPLE CREEK, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$7,880.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE SOUTHERN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 17, 1929.

HON. HAL H. GRISWOLD, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Welfare (Institution for Feeble-Minded, Apple Creek, Ohio), and Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa. This contract covers the construction and completion of one 100,000 gallon steel water tower, Institution for Feeble-Minded, Apple Creek, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of seven thousand eight hundred and eighty dollars (\$7,880.00).

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 furnished evidence to the effect that the consent and approval of the Controlling Board to the expenditure has been obtained as required by Section 4 of House Bill No. 203 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Southern Surety Company of New York appears as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was 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,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*