

You have submitted the certificates 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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company 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 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 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,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

3584.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, TO PREMISES IN SURVEY 13351-13402,
FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, ROSS COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 13, 1926.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary, Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—Examination of an abstract of title, first submitted to this department in November, 1925, and which is now on file in the state auditor's office with Opinion No. 2946 of this department attached, and other data submitted by you for my examination and opinion discloses the following:

The abstract as originally submitted was certified under date of November 10, 1925, and was originally submitted to cover the purchase of 494.50 acres of land situated in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio.

Upon re-examination of said abstract I find same covers an additional tract of 50 acres located in the south part of survey 13351-13402 Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio.

Said abstract shows sufficient title to said premises in Marcella Tripp, subject to the following exceptions:

Attention is directed to the matter of an uncanceled mortgage shown at section 101, page 17 of the last continuation for the sum of \$3,000 given under date of June 13, 1925. Evidence of a proper release of this mortgage must be submitted before the final consummation of the purchase of the 50 acre tract now under consideration.

The warranty deed as submitted will be sufficient to convey the premises to the State of Ohio when properly delivered.

Encumbrance estimate No. 570 as submitted covers the purchase under consideration, and has been properly certified by the Director of Finance.

It will also become necessary to furnish an additional approval by the controlling board covering the 50 acre tract now under consideration. The formal approval issued under date of September 29, 1925, does not cover the 50 acre tract now being purchased.

The abstract of title will be found on file in the state auditor's office. The warranty deed and encumbrance estimate as submitted by you are herewith returned.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

3585.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTION ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN KNOX COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 13, 1926.

Dept. of Highways and Public Works, Division of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

3586.

APPROVAL, LEASE EXECUTED BY THE MASONIC TEMPLE COMPANY OF ZANESVILLE, OHIO, GRANTING THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ROOMS IN THE MASONIC TEMPLE OF SAID CITY, FOR ELEVEN MONTHS, AT \$45.00 PER MONTH.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 12, 1926.

HON. G. F. SCHLESINGER, *Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a lease executed by the Masonic Temple Company of Zanesville, Ohio, granting to you as Director of Highways and Public Works for the use of the Department of Industrial Relations, rooms 418, 419 and 420 on the fourth floor of the Masonic Temple of said city, for the term of eleven months, beginning on the first day of August, 1926. Under the terms of the lease the state will be required to pay \$45.00 per month on the last day of each and every month during said term.

You have submitted an encumbrance estimate which contains the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that funds are available for said purchase.

Finding said lease in proper legal form, I hereby approve it as to form and return it herewith.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.