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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND W. E. CALD-WELL COMPANY, LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 25,000 GALLON STEEL WATER TOWER FOR OHIO STATE BRICK PLANT, JUNCTION CITY, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$4,245.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE NATIONAL SURETY COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, March 3, 1930.

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 (Ohio State Brick Plant, Junction City, Ohio), and the W. E. Caldwell Company of Louisville, Kentucky. This contract covers the construction and completion of one 25,000 gallon steel water tower complete for Ohio State Brick Plant, Junction City, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of four thousand two hundred and forty-five dollars (\$4.245.00).

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 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the National Surety 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,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

1579.

SCHOOL—VILLAGE AND RURAL DISTRICTS INCLUDING FORMER 4740 DISTRICTS—SUPERVISED BY COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS AND ASSISTANTS—SCHOOL PRINCIPALS PERFORM ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES UNDER SUCH SUPERINTENDENTS.

## SYLLABUS:

1. All schools in villages and rural school districts, including those in districts which formerly employed superintendents, by authority of former Section 4740, General Code, are now under the direct supervision of the county superintendent and assistant county superintendents of schools elected by county boards of education under the provisions of Section 4739, General Code.