

authorized to proceed by force account in cases involving the expenditure of not more than three thousand dollars, and in so doing may purchase materials through the department of finance and employ its own labor in the open market, yet the supervision of the repairs themselves is subject to the authority of the department of highways and public works.

Your second question is therefore answered by the statement that where specific appropriations are for three thousand dollars or less, or the cost of a particular building or repair project is not more than that amount, the respective improvements may be executed by force account or by contract, within the judgment of the department of public welfare. If that department determines to proceed purely by contract, i. e., the contractor agreeing to furnish materials and labor and execute the work, then such contract must be actually entered into through the department of highways and public works. If the department of public welfare determines to proceed by force account, i. e., by purchasing materials and hiring labor in the open market, then the materials must be purchased through the department of finance, but the labor may be employed directly by the department of public welfare, which has sufficient authority to this end from the appropriation itself; but the work so done by the department of public welfare is subject to the supervision of the department of highways and public works, and in case the project consists of a new building the materials previous to their incorporation therein are subject to the inspection of the department of highways and public works.

Respectfully,

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2354.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF TRUMBULL COUNTY IN AMOUNT OF \$50,000  
FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 22, 1921.

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

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2355.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF JACKSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT IN AMOUNT  
OF \$30,000 TO REPAIR AND FURNISH EXISTING SCHOOL HOUSES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 23, 1921.

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