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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 have been complied with.

Finally, it appears that the Governor has approved all the acts of the Commission, in accordance with Section 1 of House Bill 17, 88th General Assembly, heretofore mentioned.

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.

2526.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN LUCAS COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 12, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

2527.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO-\$4,500.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 12, 1930.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

2528.

APPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF CLIFT C. HALLER IN CITY OF VAN WERT, VAN WERT COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 13, 1930.

HON. ROBERT N. WAID, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—Under date of November 3, 1930, I directed to you Opinion No. 2504 of this office, in which I approved the abstract of title, warranty deed and Encumbrance Estimate No. 1341, relating to a parcel of land owned of record by one Clift C. Haller in the city of Van Wert, Van Wert County, Ohio, which parcel is more particularly described as follows:

"Commencing at the point where the north line of Summit Street intersects the west line of Pratt Street as now used in the said city of Van Wert, which point is twenty-five (25) feet west of the southeast corner of Outlot No. eleven (11) in Alexander Wetherill's Southwest Addition to the town of Van Wert as described in the plat thereof recorded in Deed Book S, pp. 197-198, which is now known as Outlot No. seventy (70), Revised Number of Outlots in the said city of Van Wert; thence north on the west line of said Pratt Street sixteen and three hundredths (16.03) rods; thence west ten (10) rods; thence south parallel with said west line of said Pratt Street, sixteen and three hundredths (16.03) rods to the north line of said Summit Street; thence east ten (10) rods to the place of beginning and being the east part of the land known on the Auditor's Duplicate of said county as Outlot No. 70-A."

The purchase of the above described property was disapproved by me in said opinion for the stated reason that it appeared that the board of control, in releasing the purchase price of said property, apparently contemplated that the State of Ohio by said purchase would acquire for the purchase price released by said board a larger parcel of land than that described in the deed executed and tendered by Clift C. Haller and wife to the State of Ohio. Upon further information which has been submitted to me, it clearly appears that the parcel of land which your department intended to purchase was the east half of the parcel of land described in the certificate of the Board of Control evidencing its action releasing the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00) to pay the purchase price of the property to be acquired by the state. It further appears that said Board of Control in its action releasing the purchase price of said property in the sum above stated intended to and did release said sum of money for the purpose of purchasing the east half of the property described in its certificate forwarded to you. The east half of the parcel of land described by metes and bounds in said certificate of the Board of Control corresponds substantially to that described by metes and bounds in the warranty deed tendered by Clift C. Haller and wife to the state, the property described in said deed being a trifle larger in extent than that described as the east half of the larger parcel described by metes and bounds in the certificate of the Board of Control. It is evident that this obviates the objection noted by me in said former opinion to the purchase of the property described in said deed.

I am, accordingly, herewith approving the purchase of the property described in said deed and I am herewith returning to you the said abstract of title, warranty deed and the Controlling Board certificate which have been submitted to me. Encumbrance Estimate No. 1341 which as above noted was approved in said former opinion, is not in my files and I assume that you retained the same and now have it in the files of your office.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.