

"No money shall be drawn from the treasury, except in pursuance of a specific appropriation, made by law; and no appropriation shall be made for a longer period than two years."

Accordingly, any part of the sum of \$32,500.00 appropriated by the act above referred to, which has not been properly encumbered prior to July 9, 1927, will lapse on that date.

Respectfully,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE WALSH ELECTRIC COMPANY, ATHENS, OHIO, FOR ELECTRICAL CONTRACT FOR AUDITORIUM BUILDING, OHIO UNIVERSITY, ATHENS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$15,775.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE UNITED STATES FIDELITY AND GUARANTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 20, 1927.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the state of Ohio, acting by the department of highways and public works, for and on behalf of the board of trustees of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, and the Walsh Electric Company, Athens, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the electrical contract for the Auditorium Building on the campus of the Ohio University, and calls for an expenditure of fifteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$15,775.00).

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 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 and specifications 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,  
EDWARD C. TURNER,  
*Attorney General.*