Code, are in pari materia and it of course follows that they must be construed together. Said Section 3373, among other things, especially provides:

"All purchases of materials, machinery, and tools, shall, where the amount involved exceeds five hundred dollars, be made from the lowest responsible bidder after advertisement made in the manner hereinbefore provided."

In view of the foregoing, and in specific answer to your question, it is my opinion that when township trustees purchase road machinery and equipment, under the provisions of Section 7201 of the General Code, and the amount involved exceeds \$500.00, the same must be purchased in pursuance of competitive bidding, as required by Section 3373 of the General Code.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF NORTH OLMSTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, CUYAHOGA COUNTY—\$34,500.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 24, 1930.

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

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF ARCHBOLD VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FULTON COUNTY—\$95,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, March 24, 1930.

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

1659.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND FREEMAN & JONES, INC., CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY, INSTITUTION FOR FEEBLE-MINDED AT APPLE CREEK, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$9,100.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE HARTFORD ACCIDENT AND INDEMNITY COMPANY.

Columbus, Ohio, March 24, 1930.

HON ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—There has been submitted for my opinion a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works for the Department of

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Public Welfare, and Freeman & Jones, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for water supply, Institution for Feeble-Minded at Apple Creek, Ohio, as set forth in Item 9 of the form of the proposal dated September 9, 1929, and calls for an expenditure of nine thousand one hundred dollars (\$9,100.00).

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 have been obtained as required by Section 4 of House Bill No. 203 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Hartford Accident and Indemnity 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.

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APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SALE OF MIAMI AND ERIE CANAL LAND IN THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO.

Columbus, Ohio, March 24, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—This is to acknowledge receipt of a recent communication with which you submitted for my examination and approval a transcript of the findings and proceedings relating to the proposed sale of a certain parcel of abandoned Miami and Erie Canal lands in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, to James N. Gamble, Edwin P. Gamble, Cecil H. Gamble, Sidney D. Gamble and Clarence J. Gamble, as well as a deed form of a deed to be executed by the Governor, conveying said parcel to the persons above named. The parcel of land here in question which is to be sold for a consideration in the sum of \$446.81 to be paid to the State of Ohio is more particularly described as follows:

"Being Parcel No. 8, of the Allotment of Miami and Erie Canal Lands, in the city of Cincinnati, in Section 19, Millcreek Township, Hamilton County, Ohio, as surveyed and platted by the Cincinnati Rapid Transit Commission, under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Works, in the summer of 1927, and described as follows:

Beginning in the west line of Central Parkway at the intersection of the