

for 1919, at pages 143 and 343; *Opinions Nos. 2082 and 2170*, referred to above; and *State vs. Wright*, 17 C. C. (N. S.) 396.

The purpose of the attendance of the members of the several county soldiers' relief commissions at the meeting referred to was not in furtherance of any specific duty enjoined by law or of any specific immediate project or undertaking then under way, but merely for a discussion of the general principles underlying the law for the extension of soldiers' relief and of comparing notes as to the actual administration of the law.

The invitation of the Governor to attend this meeting was not in the nature of a command and no legal duty devolved upon any of the members of the commissions to attend the meeting. They could have fully performed their statutory duty without attending this meeting, and as a matter of fact, many members of the several commissions did not attend the meeting. No obligation arose because of the invitation to attend the meeting. The attendance at the meeting must be held to have been purely voluntary and in the nature of an attendance of a convention of like officials, which it has been held in a number of opinions, referred to above, is not in furtherance of a duty enjoined by law, for which an allowance for expenses and time may lawfully be made.

I am therefore of the opinion, in specific answer to your question, that county commissioners are not authorized by law to allow to the persons composing the several soldiers' relief commissions throughout the State their actual expenses incurred and a fair compensation for their services for attendance upon the meeting of the members of the said several soldiers' relief commissions held at Columbus, Ohio, on July 19, and 20, 1930.

Respectfully,  
GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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2333.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND PISCOPE-GILL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF OHIO STATE ARMORY AT MT. VERNON, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$51,775.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 13, 1930.

HON. A. W. REYNOLDS, *Adjutant General, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by and through A. W. Reynolds, Adjutant General of Ohio and Director of State Armories, Columbus, Ohio, and Vincent Piscope and William Gill, doing business as a partnership under the name of Piscope-Gill Construction Company of Cleveland, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of the Ohio State Armory to be erected at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, including alternate 2, vapor heating system. Said contract calls for an expenditure of fifty-one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$51,775.00).

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 furnished evidence to the effect that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure as required by Section 2 of House Bill 513 and Section 11 of House Bill 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Aetna Casualty and Surety Company of Hartford, Connecticut, 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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2334.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF VERSAILLES, DARKE COUNTY,  
OHIO—\$11,660.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 13, 1930.

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

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2335.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF GIRARD, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO—  
\$13,600.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 13, 1930.

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

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2336.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF CHARDON, GEAUGA COUNTY,  
OHIO—\$9,500.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, September 13, 1930.

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