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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE NORTHERN ELECTRIC COMPANY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF REPAIRS TO ELECTRICAL SYSTEM, REWIRING SWINE BARN, OHIO STATE FAIR GROUNDS, AT COST OF \$2,377.00.—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE MARYLAND CASUALTY COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 31, 1924.

HON. L. A. BOULAY, *Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

Dear Sir:—

You have submitted for my approval contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works, and The Northern Electric Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of repairs to electrical system, rewiring swine barn, at the Ohio State Fair Grounds, and calls for an expenditure of \$2,377.00.

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. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which the Maryland Casualty 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, informal bids were taken and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the status of surety companies and the workmen's compenstion 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,  
C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney General.*

1647.

AUTHORITY OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EMPLOY AN ENGINEER UNDER SECTION 2411 G. C.—SECTIONS 2343 AND 2344 G. C. CONSTRUED.

**SYLLABUS:**

1. *County commissioners may, upon the written request of the county surveyor, employ an engineer under the provisions of Section 2411 of the General Code.*
2. *County commissioners may not employ an engineer under the provisions*