

Upon inquiry made of your department, I am advised that the said Jacob Raphaelson is not the owner of property abutting upon any of said parcels of abandoned Miami and Erie canal lands, and although there are no recitals in said leases to the effect that the owners of said abutting properties have failed to avail themselves of the privileges of purchasing or leasing said several parcels of canal lands at the appraised value thereof, as provided for by the first paragraph of Section 9 of the Act of the General Assembly above referred to, I am further advised by your department that such is the fact. In this situation, you are authorized by the provisions contained in the second paragraph of said Section 9, to sell or lease said parcels to persons other than the owners of such abutting property, subject to the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General.

A careful examination of the leases above mentioned shows that the same have been executed in substantial conformity to the provisions of the Act of April 20, 1927, and said leases are accordingly approved as to form.

Under the provisions of Section 9 of the Act of the General Assembly above mentioned, the sale or lease by you of these parcels of abandoned Miami and Erie canal lands is subject to the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General. There is nothing in the transaction relating to the leasing of these several parcels of canal lands which suggests any reason why the lease made by you of these parcels should not be approved by me. Said leases are accordingly hereby approved and my approval is endorsed on each of said leases and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof.

Respectfully,
 GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SALE OF ABANDONED OHIO CANAL PROPERTY, IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP, LICKING COUNTY—E. B. FRANCIS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 9, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date, transmitting for my examination and approval a transcript of the proceedings of your department relating to the proposed sale of a tract of abandoned Ohio canal property in Hanover Township, Licking County, Ohio, to one E. B. Francis, which property is more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the center of the road commonly known as the Tobosso road, said center line being at or near Station 1662+50 of Bruce Doughton's survey, and running thence southwesterly with the lines of said canal property to Station 1682+27 and containing 2.4 acres, more or less.

From your communication it appears that the above described property is an isolated tract of land of no value to the state and of very little benefit to the purchaser except to connect lands owned by him on each side of the canal and that said property is rocks and untillable and subject to overflow by the Licking River.

An examination of said transcript shows that you have made; in your official capacity as Superintendent of Public Works, the findings of fact necessary under the provisions of Section 13971, General Code, to authorize you to sell this property at the appraised valuation thereof, subject to the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General. In your formal communication to the Governor and the Attorney General, requesting the approval of this sale by said officers, you state you have investigated the value of said tract of land and find said value to be the sum of \$100.00, and that you have, accordingly, appraised the property at said amount.

It appearing that your proceedings relating to the proposed sale of this property have been in all respects regular and in accordance with the provisions of the statute in such case made and provided, and no circumstances appearing in the transaction to indicate that the value of said property is other than that found by you, said sale is hereby approved, and I have accordingly signed the resolution of approval contained in said transcript and in the copy thereof.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN
LORAIN COUNTY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 10, 1929.

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

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND THE W. M. WELCH MANUFACTURING CO., CHICAGO, ILL., FOR CONSTRUCTION OF NEW TRAINING SCHOOL EQUIPMENT, KENT STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, KENT, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$5,979.55—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, May 10, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Superintendent of Public Works, for and on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Kent State Normal School, and the W. M. Welch Manufacturing Company, of Chicago, Ill. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for new training school equipment, Kent State Normal School, Kent, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of five thousand nine hundred and seventy-nine and 55/100 dollars (\$5,979.55).