

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 3, 1931.

HON. JOHN MCSWEENEY, *Director of Public Welfare, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by yourself, as Director of Public Welfare, and the Jennings-Lawrence Company, of Columbus, Ohio, for engineering services in connection with the construction of water mains at Hawthornden Farm, Cleveland State Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. This contract calls for a total expenditure of eleven hundred dollars (\$1100.00).

You have also submitted an encumbrance estimate No. 6, which bears the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated sufficient to pay the contract price.

You have further submitted evidence showing that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure.

Finding said contract in legal form, I hereby approve said contract and return to you all the papers submitted.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,  
*Attorney General.*

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3298.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP, FRANKLIN COUNTY,  
OHIO—\$1,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 5, 1931.

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

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3299.

GASOLINE TAX—TOWNSHIP'S PORTION APPLICABLE FOR MAINTENANCE OF ROADS AND HIGHWAYS WITHIN TOWNSHIP EITHER BY FORCE ACCOUNT OR CONTRACT.

**SYLLABUS:**

*Under the provisions of Section 5541-8, General Code, as amended by the 89th General Assembly, in House Bill No. 7, the funds distributed thereunder, to townships, may be used for the purpose of maintaining, as well as constructing, widening, and reconstructing the public roads and highways within such township, irrespective of whether said work is done by force account or by contract.*

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 3, 1931.

*Bureau of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—This will acknowledge receipt of your request for my opinion, which reads as follows: