

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 Standard Accident Insurance 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,  
C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney-General.*

2223.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF VILLAGE OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, \$5,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 10, 1925.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

2224.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF MURRAY CITY VILLAGE, HOCKING COUNTY, \$11,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 13, 1925.

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

2225

DISAPPROVAL, BONDS OF CITY OF ASHLAND, ASHLAND COUNTY, \$10,000.00

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 16, 1925.

Re: Bonds, City of Ashland, Ashland County, \$10,000.00.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

GENTLEMEN:—The transcript and correspondence furnished in connection with this issue of bonds discloses that the City of Ashland is operating under a charter which

was adopted by the electors of the city on June 15, 1924. It is therefore presumed that this charter has been adopted under the constitutional provision for home rule.

The transcript discloses that publication was given for the sale of these bonds in but one newspaper. Section 3924 G. C. provides that such notice shall be given in two newspapers.

In view of the decisions of the Supreme Court of Ohio in the following cases:— State vs. Williams, Director, etc., of City of Youngstown (recently rendered); Berry vs. Columbus, 104 O. S., page 607, Toledo vs. Seeper, 97 O. S. 56; and Dayton vs. Fish, 104 O. S. 206, it would seem that one publication would not be sufficient, even though the same may be under a charter provision.

You are, therefore, advised not to accept these bonds, for the reason that they have not been sold as required by statute, and for the further reason that the decisions in the foregoing cases indicate that state laws can not be abrogated or evaded by charter provisions.

Respectfully,

C. C. CRABBE,  
*Attorney-General.*

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2226.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF FOWLER TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT,  
TRUMBULL COUNTY, \$3,850.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 16, 1925.

*Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.*

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2227.

ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-ONE (121)  
ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BENTON TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY,  
OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 16, 1925.

HON. CARL E. STEEB, *Secretary, Agricultural Experiment Station, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This will acknowledge receipt of abstract of title, encumbrance estimate and a warranty deed, covering certain premises proposed to be purchased by the State of Ohio for the use of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station.

The warranty deed, which appears to be in proper form and already executed, will be sufficient to convey the premises under consideration when properly delivered.

The encumbrance estimate bears number 5642, under date of December 16, 1924, addressed to Charles L. Taylor and Alice E. Taylor, Bainbridge, Ohio, and covers the premises described in the deed and abstract, being one hundred and twenty-one (121) acres, more or less, in Benton Township, Pike County, Ohio. The encumbrance estimate is for the amount of \$847.00 and is properly certified by Wilbur E. Baker, Director of Finance, December 18, 1924.