COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 5, 1934.

HON. T. S. BRINDLE, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Department of Education and the W. H. Spohn Plumbing Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Contract for Plumbing for a project known as Revised Plumbing and Heating, Wings to Dormitory (Boys' and Girls' Dormitories) State School for the Blind, Columbus, Ohio, as set forth in Item 1; Item 3, Alternate P-1; Item 5, Alternate P-3; and Item 6, Alternate P-4 of the Form of Proposal dated December 15, 1933. Said contract calls for an expenditure of fifteen thousand five hundred and seventy dollars (\$15,570.00).

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 shown that the Controlling Board has approved the expenditure of moneys appropriated for this contract in accordance with section 8 of House Bill No. 699 of the 90th General Assembly.

In addition, you have submitted a contract bond, upon which the Great American Indemnity Company of New York 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,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.

2140.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND THE HUFFMAN-WOLFE COMPANY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR HEATING AT THE STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$5,870.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF HARTFORD, CONN.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, January 5, 1934.

HON. T. S. Brindle, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Department of Education, and the Huffman-Wolfe Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Contract for Heating for a project known as Revised Plumbing and Heating, Wings to Dormitory (Boys'

and Girls' Dormitories), State School for the Blind, Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with Item 2 and Item 7 (Alternate H-1) of the Form of Proposal dated December 15, 1933. Said contract calls for an expenditure of five thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars (\$5,870.00).

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 shown that the Controlling Board has approved the release of moneys for this project, in accordance with section 8 of House Bill No. 699 of the 90th 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,

JOHN W. BRICKER,

Attorney General.

2141.

TOWNSHIP—DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE TAX FUND—FILING OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT NECESSARY WHEN.

SYLLABUS:

The provisions of Section 5541-8, General Code, relative to the distribution of the gasoline tax fund to townships do not require that plans and specifications be on file for maintenance work. However, such section does require plans and specifications in connection with the improvement by the construction, widening and reconstruction of roads.

Columbus, Ohio, January 6, 1934.

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

Gentlemen:—In your recent communication you request my opinion upon the following:

"Section 5541-8, General Code, provides for allotting 17½% of the highway construction fund in equal proportions to the several townships within the state. It further provides that when received in the township treasury, it shall be expended by such township for the sole purpose of constructing, maintaining, widening and reconstructing public roads and highways within the township. The following paragraph of the section provides that no part of the said funds shall be