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should be credited to the general fund of the county, unless a special fund is created to receive it by authority of Section 5625-11, General Code.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN, Attorney General.

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APPROVAL: CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND E. M. CARMELL COMPANY, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR STEAM AND ELEC-TRIC TRANSMISSION LINE "B" FROM STATE OFFICE BUILDING TO STATE HOUSE, COLUMBUS, OHIO, ÅT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$38,600.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY SEABOARD SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, November 18, 1932.

HON. FRANK W. MOWREY, Executive Secretary, State Office Building Commission, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:-You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the State Office Building Commission, duly appointed under section 1 of House Bill No. 17 of the 88th General Assembly, passed March 14, 1929 (113 O. L. 59), and the E. M. Carmell Company of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for Steam and Electric Transmission Line "B" from the State Office Building to the State House, Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with Item No. 1 of the form of proposal dated October 24, 1932. Said contract calls for an expenditure of thirty eight thousand six hundred dollars (\$38,600.00).

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. It is to be noted that the Controlling Board's approval of the expenditure is not required under the various acts appropriating the money for this contract. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Seaboard Surety 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.

Finally, it appears that the Governor has approved all the acts of the Commission, in accordance with Section 1 of House Bill No. 17, 88th General Assembly, heretofore mentioned.

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, Gilbert Bettman, Attorney General.

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