

of the Division of Conservation in your department, submitting for my examination and approval an abstract of title, warranty deed and encumbrance estimate, relating to the proposed purchase by the State of Ohio of a small parcel of land situated in the city of Piqua, Miami County, Ohio. Said parcel of land is owned of record by William Gerlach, Jr., and Annie E. Gerlach, and is a part of Outlot No. 252 in said city as shown of record in Deed Book 187, page 493, Miami County Recorder's Office and is more particularly described as follows:

"Beginning at an iron pipe at the northwest corner of Wm. Gerlach, Jr., and Annie E. Gerlach's tract of land, said pipe also being north 74 deg. 50' east, 400.5 feet from the west line of Washington Avenue, and it also being the northeast corner of Fish Hatchery site owned by the State of Ohio; thence on a line between Hatchery site and Gerlach, South, 195 feet to a point; thence at right angles to said described line, east, 20 feet to a point; thence on a line parallel to said west line first described, north 200.42 feet to a point in said north line of Gerlach tract; thence with said north line, South 74 deg. 50' West, 20.72 feet, to the place of beginning, and containing .091 acres, more or less."

Upon examination of the abstract of title covering the above described parcel of land, I find that said William Gerlach, Jr., and Annie Gerlach have a good and indefeasible fee simple title to said parcel, free and clear of all incumbrances except the taxes for the year 1930, the amount of which is not stated in the abstract.

Upon examination of the warranty deed tendered by said William Gerlach, Jr., and Annie Gerlach, I find that said deed has been executed and acknowledged by said grantors in the manner provided by law and that the form of said deed is sufficient to convey said property to the State of Ohio by fee simple title, free and clear of the dower interests that each of said grantors had in the undivided one-half interest of the other, and free and clear of all incumbrances whatsoever.

Encumbrance Estimate No. 1127, which has been submitted to me as a part of the files relating to the purchase of this property, has been properly executed and approved and the same shows that the purchase price of this property, to wit, the sum of seventy dollars, is to be paid out of the maintenance appropriation.

Said abstract of title, warranty deed and encumbrance estimate are hereby approved and the same are herewith enclosed.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

2683.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN THE STATE OF OHIO AND D. AND H. JACOBS PLUMBING COMPANY, CINCINNATI, OHIO, FOR PLUMBING WORK IN POWER HOUSE AND EQUIPMENT BUILDING, LONGVIEW STATE HOSPITAL, CINCINNATI, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$4,029.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 16, 1930.

HON. ALBERT T. CONNAR, *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 Public

Welfare, and D. and H. Jacobs Plumbing Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of contract for plumbing work in a building known as power house and equipment, Longview State Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio, as set forth in Item No. 7 of the Form of Proposal, dated September 22, 1930. Said contract calls for an expenditure of four thousand and twenty-nine dollars (\$4,029.00).

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 furnished evidence to the effect that the approval of the Controlling Board has been obtained to the expenditure as required by Section 4 of House Bill No. 203 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the American 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.

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.

2684.

APPROVAL, CONTRACT FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 16, 1930.

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

2685.

DISAPPROVAL, ABSTRACT OF TITLE TO LAND OF C. C. BELLESON IN MIFFLIN TOWNSHIP, PIKE COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 16, 1930.

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

DEAR SIR:—You recently submitted to me for my examination and approval an abstract of title, warranty deed, encumbrance estimate No. 793, certificate of the board of control and other files relating to the proposed purchase by the State of Ohio of four tracts of land owned of record by one C. C. Belleson in Mifflin Township, Pike