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APPROVAL, BONDS OF BENTON TOWNSHIP, MONROE COUNTY,
\$8,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 17, 1927.

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

86.

DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS—NO AUTHORITY TO EXPEND FUNDS OF
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO CO-OPERATE WITH COUNTY OFFI-
CIALS IN EMPLOYING OFFICERS TO ENFORCE STATE TRAFFIC
LAWS.

SYLLABUS:

There is no authority in law for the Director of Highways and Public Works to expend funds appropriated to the use of the highway department for the purpose of employing or co-operating with county officials in the employment of officers for the purpose of patrolling state highways to enforce the state traffic laws.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 17, 1927.

HON. GEORGE F. SCHLESINGER, *Director of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of recent date, to which is attached a letter from the prosecuting attorney of Holmes county, in which the prosecutor states:

“There has been considerable complaint concerning traffic violations and misdemeanors on the state and county highway systems in Holmes county, Ohio.

Holmes county is not exactly equipped to control this situation, and we would like to be advised if we could have the co-operation of the State Highway Department in this respect.

Would the State Highway Department pay, say one-half of the salary of a patrolling officer, if the county commissioners would pay the other half, one-half of the time of said officer to be spent on the state system and the other half of the time to be spent on the county system.

Or what would the department be willing to pay towards proper patrolling of the state system in Holmes county?

If there is any way we can co-operate with the State Highway Department in controlling this situation, we would be glad to do so.”

You inquire whether the Department of Highways may participate in the maintenance of an officer to be used jointly on state and county highways.