"Pike County has a duly organized County Agricultural Society, and heretofore the County Commissioners have annually appropriated a sum of money for the purpose of keeping up and encouraging the continuance of this organization. But in January, 1928, the Commissioners failed and refused to make an appropriation for the benefit of this Agricultural Society as required by Section 9894, O. L., 1927.

Does this section make it mandatory on the Board of County Commissioners to make the appropriation, and if so, what steps should the Agricultural Society take to secure this money."

A similar question was recently presented to this office by the Prosecuting Attorney of Delaware County and answered in Opinion No. 744, dated July 19, 1927, the syllabus of which reads:

"In so far as the funds in the county treasury will permit, having due regard for other expenditures made mandatory by statute, under the provisions of Section 9894, General Code, for the purpose of encouraging agricultural fairs, upon the request of any county or duly organized county agricultural society in such county which the society owns, or holds under a lease, real estate used as a site whereon to hold fairs and has control and management of such lands and buildings, it is the duty of the county commissioners annually to appropriate from the general fund not to exceed two thousand dollars or less than fifteen hundred dollars to such county agricultural society for such purpose."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of this opinion.

Respectfully,
EDWARD C. TURNER,
Attorney General.

2292.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN LUCAS AND STARK COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 29, 1928.

Hon, Harry J. Kirk, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

2293.

APPROVAL, ONE GAME REFUGE LEASE—DISAPPROVAL, ONE GAME REFUGE LEASE.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 29, 1928.

Department of Agriculture, Division of Fish and Game, Columbus, Ohio.

GENTLEMEN:—This will acknowledge your letter of June 25, 1928, in which you enclosed the following Game Refuge Leases, in duplicate, for my approval:

No. Name Acres

1133 George Russ, Darke County, Jackson Township 80

1134 J. M. & R. F. Coppess, Darke County, Richland Township 180