OPINIONS

Inasmuch as the contract price is less than the sum of three thousand dollars the advertisement for competitive bids has been dispensed with. It is also unnecessary to obtain the consent of the Controlling Board to the expenditure and the contractor's bond may also be dispensed with. You have, however, furnished an encumbrance estimate, bearing No. 3780, and containing the certificate of the Director of Finance that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to meet the obligations of the contract. You have also submitted a certificate from The Industrial Commission of Ohio to the effect that the contractor has paid into the State Insurance and Occupational Disease Fund the premium required and that said employer is entitled to the rights and benefits of said fund for a period of six months beginning November 30, 1927. The six months period has, however, expired and I would suggest that a new certificate be obtained.

Finding said contract in proper legal form and properly executed, I have noted my approval thereon, subject to your obtaining a new industrial certificate, as above suggested.

I am returning herewith the contract and all other papers submitted in this connection. Respectfully,

Edward C. Turner,

Attorney General.

2203.

APPROVAL, BONDS FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES, THREE RESIDENT DISTRICT DEPUTY HIGHWAY DI-RECTORS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 5, 1928.

HON. GEORGE F. SCHLESINGER, Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted to this department certain bonds given by three resident district deputy highway directors, for the faithful performance of their duties, as follows:

Oliver G. Shafer	Noble County,
L. W. Bates	Fulton County,
K. A. Poister	Crawford County.

I find all of the foregoing official bonds in proper legal form, and I have noted my approval thereon as to form, and am returning the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,

Edward C. TURNER, Attorney General.

2204.

APPROVAL, BONDS OF THE CITY OF FOSTORIA, SENECA COUNTY-\$6,558.90.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 5, 1928.

Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.