Pittsburgh-Des Moines Steel Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. This contract covers the construction and completion of one steel water tower, and calls for an expenditure of seven thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (\$7,790.00).

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 submitted evidence that the consent of the Controlling Board to the release of funds has been obtained in accordance with Section 11 of House Bill No. 510 of the 88th General Assembly. In addition, you have submitted a contract bond upon which the Southern 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, 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 act have been complied with.

It is disclosed that the advertisement for bidders was published five times when the statute, Section 2318, General Code, only calls for four publications once a week for four consecutive weeks, the last publication to be at least eight days next preceding the day for opening the bids. While this does not affect the legality of this particular contract, inasmuch as the fourth publication was nine days before the day of receiving bids, nevertheless there appears to be no legal authority for more than four publications.

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.

1086.

APPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS ON ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN LICKING COUNTY.

Columbus, Ohio, October 22, 1929.

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

1087.

APPROVAL, BONDS FOR THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES—DANIEL DAVIS, AS RESIDENT DIVISION DEPUTY DIRECTOR—J. K. PATTERSON, AS RESIDENT DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

Columbus, Ohio, October 22, 1929.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a bond in the penal sum of \$5,000, executed by Daniel Davis as principal, and Lloyds Casualty Company as surety,