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A PPROVAL, FINAL RESOLUTIONS, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN CLERMONT, CRAWFORD AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 20, 1925.

Department of Highways and Public Works, Division of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

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APPROVAL, THREE BONDS UPON WHICH THE COLUMBIA CASUALTY COMPANY APPEARS AS SURETY, EACH OF WHICH IS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00, AND COVERS THE FAITHFUL PERFORMANCE OF THE OFFICIAL DUTIES OF EACH PRINCIPAL, AS FOLLOWS: OTTO W. BRACH, CHIEF OF DIVISION OF LABOR STATISTICS; W. A. HARMAN, CHIEF OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION DIVISION; AND G. L. COFFINBERRY, AUDITOR AND STATISTICIAN.

Columbus, Ohio, March 20, 1925.

HON. H. R. WITTER, Director, Department of Industrial Relations, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—You have submitted to this department for consideration three bonds upon which the Columbia Casualty Company appears as surety, each of which is in the amount of \$10,000, and covers the faithful performance of the official duties of each principal, as follows:

Otto W. Brach, Chief of Division of Labor Statistics; W. A. Harman, Chief of Workmen's Compensation Division; G. L. Coffinberry, Auditor and Statistician.

It may be noted that section 871-4 provides:

"All employes or deputies of the said commission receiving or disbursing funds of the state shall give bond to the state in amounts and with surety to be approved by said commission."

Also, section 154-14, after providing for the bonds of officers mentioned in sections 154-3, 154-5 and 154-6 of the General Code, further provides that:

"The director of each department may, with the approval of the governor, require any chief of a division created under the authority of this chapter, or any officer or employe in his department, to give like bond in such amount as the governor may prescribe."

The information submitted does not indicate specifically under which sections of the statute the bonds under consideration are required. If under the latter section, of course, they should be approved by the governor. If under the former section, 152 OPINIONS

then they are to be approved by the commission. If under both sections, then they should be approved by both.

Finding said bonds in proper legal form, I have approved them as to form, and return the same herewith to you.

Respectfully,
C. C. Crabbe,
Attorney General.

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ABSTRACT, STATUS OF TITLE, FIFTY ACRES OF LAND, SITUATED IN UNION TOWNSHIP, SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 20, 1925

HON. CHARLES V. TRUAX, Director of Agriculture, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have requested my opinion as to the status of the title of fifty acres of land in Survey 15835/15830 and Survey No. 13915, situated in Union Township, Scioto County, Ohio, as disclosed by a certificate of title made by William J. Meyer, attorney-at-law, Portsmouth, Ohio, March 12, 1925.

According to said certificate, Joseph Wishman has a safe title to the land in question, though the title is not a perfect record title. The premises are free from encumbrances excepting the taxes for the year 1924, which constitute a lien.

A deed has been submitted conveying said premises to the state by Joseph Wishman, which seems to be executed in proper form, and is sufficient to convey the title of the said Joseph Wishman to the state when the same is properly delivered.

Your attention is directed to the fact that you should obtain a certificate from the Director of Finance to the effect that funds are available for said purchase before accepting the conveyance, and said certificate should be transmitted to the Auditor of State with the other papers.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF RIDGEVILLE TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LORAIN COUNTY, \$9,000.00.

Columbus, Ohio, March 19, 1925.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus. Ohio.