

- (b) Sale of the estate represented by the mineral reservation shall be made to the successful bidder or preferential bidder by Grant Deed from the State, acting through the Commission, and approved by the Governor, for the bid price, plus costs, pursuant to specific resolution by the State Lands Commission.

39. (ALLOWED OVERTIME PURSUANT TO DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE RULING) The Commission was informed that a purely technical deficiency has occurred in the overtime records of Assistant Executive Officer, J. Stuart Watson, as shown by Division of Audits report:

"In so far as the Assistant Executive Officer, J. Stuart Watson, is concerned, his overtime is shown on the card as of June 8, 1949, as 417 hours. The records indicate that 742½ hours had been cancelled prior to that date because of the departmental two-year ruling. Subsequent to June 9, 1943, 43 hours have been cancelled for the same reason.

"If the latter is to be applied against the amount due at the base date, his accumulation would be 374 hours."

In order to clear this technical deficiency, the requirements are:

1. A signed attendance report, Form 681, by authorization of the Commission because of the technical deficiency in the authorization for Mr. Watson's overtime, in that Forms 681 are in most cases signed by him as Assistant Executive Officer;

As of January 1, 1945, Mr. Watson had a balance of 238½ hours overtime, which, brought forward in accordance with the Division of Audits report, results in a net accumulated overtime of 374 hours.

Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, a resolution was adopted authorizing the Executive Officer to satisfy himself as to the correctness of this overtime record, certify on behalf of the Commission therefor, sign pertinent documents and if such defects apply to other overtime allowances he is likewise authorized to certify to their correctness.

40. (APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS IN CONNECTION WITH TORRENS TITLE SURVEY AND REPORT -- No. 252) At its meeting in Sacramento on December 21, 1949, the Commission authorized the entering into of contracts covering the services of Nathaniel B. Bidwell and James C. Short, in the amounts of \$5,300 and \$1,000, respectively. Contracts were thereupon prepared and subsequently were approved by the Department of Finance. Upon being furnished with copy of approved contract, the State Controller's office raised a question with relation to the submission of the contracts to the State Personnel Board. The State Controller explained that, since no showing was made that the contracts had been approved by the State Personnel Board, it was incumbent upon the Controller's office to reject any claims presented pursuant to such contracts. He indicated that it would be in order for the Commission to request the Personnel Board to approve the contracts on the basis that no such specialized assistance could be obtained through the State civil service procedure.