

NAME
or NO.

- Third Road District -

Per - 1915-1917 Appropriations

June 23, 1915.

Mr. Ed. Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Under separate cover are being sent to you today a supply of voucher forms for use in settling accounts for work done under supervision of your office. The method of using such vouchers will doubtless be clear to you, but we are enclosing a sample partly filled in for your better guidance. They are provided in original and duplicate, the latter to be retained as a record of your own office, the former to be sent in to the Governor for his approval from where it will be sent to this office and the office of the Secretary by whom a warrant on the Treasurer will be sent to the party to whom the Territory is indebted.

I am advised by the office of the Secretary that printed copies of the law under which your office will operate were mailed out to the Road Commissioners on June 12th. Many of the provisions of the law are rather vague, but so far as possible you must be governed by such provisions. It is provided that Commissioner shall furnish bond but no amount is provided, nor is it provided to whom the bond shall run or who shall be the custodian of such bond.

The Commissioner of this First Division referred these matters to the Governor, who, however, declined to assume any responsibility in the matter, but offered as a suggestion merely, that as the Commissioners under terms of the Act apparently handled no money that a bond in nominal amount for faithful performance of duty only, be furnished, and further suggested amount of \$2,000.00. Bond in this amount and of the character mentioned we are advised were prepared and sent to the Judge of the District Court for his approval. Upon approving the Judge deemed it an official proceeding and the bond was placed on file in the records of the office of the Clerk of the Court. Should you follow the same procedure, we should be advised by the Clerk of the Court.

According to the amount which was in the Forest Reserve Fund at time of effectiveness of the Act reating Road Districts in Alaska, the amount to be apportioned to each road district, and which is available at this time will be \$11,310.80. This amount is all that will be available for this season as the receipts for the year of 1915 will not be at hand until too late for use this season. Annual amounts too will quite likely be much less than for this year, as the present sum is an accumulation of several years receipts. Please kindly advise this office if there is any thing in the above not entirely clear to you.

Very truly yours,

June 23, 1915.

Mr. Ed. Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

In accompanying letter herewith I have advised you that duplicate voucher used in settling accounts of your office was to be retained by you while the original was to be sent in the office of the Governor for his approval.

I am advised by Mr. Shorthill, Secretary to the Governor, that it will be necessary for them to have the duplicate voucher for preservation in that office, while the original goes to the office of the Secretary. In this event your books will have to suffice for your record or you can make up a triplicate voucher on third sheet with sufficient detail for records of your office, I should think.

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

Juneau, Alaska, July 2, 1915.

Ed. Wood,

Road Commissioner,

Valdez, Alaska.

Suit filed enjoining payment road money letter follows,

Smith, Treasurer.

Night message \$1.41 paid.

July 2, 1915.

Mr. Ed. Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I was served with complaint in suit which has been brought to have declared void Act of the Territorial Legislature creating road districts in the Territory of Alaska and appropriating moneys in the Forest Reserve Fund for the building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges throughout the Territory.

Upon consultation with Mr. J. H. Cobb, who has been designated by the Governor as legal counsel for the Territory, I sent you notification of such suit by telegram, which I now confirm, as follows:

"Suit filed enjoining payment road money letter follows."

Governing the conduct of this office in the matter, I am advised by Mr. Cobb as follows:

"----, I beg to advise you, that while no temporary injunction has been served, still, in my opinion, it is proper for you to hold the Forestry Fund mentioned in the complaint in statu quo, until the validity of the appropriation of the fund made by the last legislature is passed upon. You should notify the several Road Commissioners of the facts, so that they may govern themselves accordingly."

I am further advised by our legal counsel that he will appear in the suit at as early a date as possible and press the cause to a speedy hearing that final decision may be arrived at as soon as practicable. While matters remain as they are, this office must be governed by opinion of counsel. You will be advised from time to time of any material change in the situation, by telegraph if deemed necessary.

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 11, 1915.

Ed. Wood,

Road Commissioner,

Valdez, Alaska.

Road case decision favorable to Territory disbursements under
appropriation now possible.

Smith, Treasurer.

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Road Comm

August 25, 1915.

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
U. S. District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

At the last session of the Legislature a bill was enacted creating Road Districts in Alaska and appropriating moneys from the Forest Reserve Fund of the Territorial Treasury for use in carrying out the provisions of such bill. The bill provided for the appointment of a Road Commissioner in each district by joint resolution of the two branches of the Legislature, and Mr. Ed. Wood of Valdez, was appointed Commissioner in the Third road district.

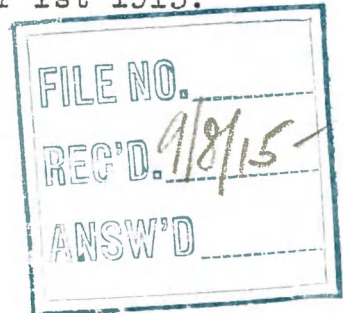
The bill further provides for bond to be furnished by the Road Commissioners, such bond to be approved by the Judge of the District Court of the division of the Territory in which such Road Commissioner is situated. The bill is extremely indefinite in regard to this bond, specifying no amount or custodian. In the divisions where such bond has been furnished, the Judge has approved and ordered retained as a court record, the Clerk of the Court advising this office of such approval, amount of the bond and as to its being filed.

This office has addressed several telegrams and letters to Mr. Wood, but up to this time has received no word from him. By return mail, will you kindly advise if any thing has been done in your office in connection with Mr. Wood's bond? We would also appreciate some information in regard to him also, whether or not he is in Valdez, and if he had done any work under provisions of bill creating his office.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA,
THIRD DIVISION
VALDEZ. September 1st 1915.



W.G.Smith, Esq,
Territorial Treasurer,
Juneau, Alaska.

Dear Sir:-

Yours of August 25th to hand, re bond of Ed Wood, as
Territorial Road Commissioner.

Mr Wood was out of town when your letter reached
me, but immediately on his return I took the matter up with him.

We had already arranged for his bond, and he had
it prepared at once and approved by Judge Brown. I am enclosing
a certified copy of the bond.

Mr Wood informs me that he has been out of town
considerably this summer, and although he has not done any work
so far he has all arrangements made for the work. The bids will
be opened at Chitna tomorrow (Sept 2nd) and at Cordova on
Sept 5th. The date has not been set for opening the bids at
Seward as yet but will be in a few days. Mr Wood gave me a
copy of the form of notices sent out by him for bids, which I
enclose.

Yours truly,

Clerk.

----- PUBLIC NOTICE

Circular of Instructions.

OFFICE ROAD DISTRICT NO. 3.
TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

Valdez, Alaska, _____ 19__.

SEALED PROPOSALS for furnishing the supplies and labor below specified will be received at this office until 11 o'clock A.M., _____ at which place and time they will be publicly opened.

PROPOSALS must be signed by the bidder, inclosed in sealed envelope, addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Proposals for Road Work on _____ to be opened _____."

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids, and to waive any defects.

ROAD COMMISSIONER FOR THE 3RD DIVISION.

Description of Work.

The work proposed is improvement of _____

The fund available for the work is limited to \$ _____ and will be expended on those portions of the route which in the judgment of the District Commissioner or inspector designated to represent him, are most in need of improvement. Bids are desired for labor and for food and shelter and the necessary implements for the working party. Bidders will state the amount per laborer, including board and shelter and one implement, ax, pick or shovel for each man working, party not to exceed _____ men. The bidder will be expected to act as foreman of the work, or shall furnish a suitable foreman acceptable to the District Commissioner, and the bid shall state the wages of himself in this capacity or of a substitute foreman. Bidders will also give price of one team and driver, including keep, with wagon, plow or scraper, as may be needed.

The work will be performed wherever and in such manner as may be directed by the Commissioner, and the right is reserved to discharge any laborer who is not properly performing his work.

Further information can be obtained at this office upon application.

The successful bidder will be required to execute a contract for the performance of the work with suitable bond not exceeding the total amount of the contract, within three days of receipt of notice of acceptance of this proposal.

PROPOSAL FOR _____

_____ 19____.

To _____

Sir:

In accordance with your advertisement and circular of instructions of _____, 19____, inviting proposals for _____

and subject to all the conditions and requirements thereof, copies of which are hereto attached; and, so far as they relate to this proposal, are made a part of it, I propose to _____

_____ will begin work _____
(I or we)

_____ will complete work _____
(I or we)

_____ make this proposal with a full knowledge of the kind, quality, and quantity of the service required, and should _____ receive written notice of the acceptance thereof _____ will, if required, enter into contract within the time designated in the advertisement, with good and sufficient sureties for the faithful performance thereof.

Signature _____

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
Territory of Alaska, Third Division. } ss.:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Third Division, do hereby certify that the attached is a full, true and correct copy of the original bond of

Ed Wood as Road Commissioner

as the same appears on file and of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court at

Valdez, Alaska, this 1st day of September 1915.

Arthur Lang
Clerk.

By _____

Deputy.



BOND OF ROAD COMMISSIONER.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That we, Ed. Wood, of Valdez, Alaska, as principal, and Angus Chisholm and Anton Carlson, of the same place, as sureties, are held and firmly jointly and severally bound unto the Territory of Alaska in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), lawful money of the United States of America, for which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves, and our and each of our heirs, executors^{and} administrators, jointly and severally firmly by these presents.

signed, Sealed and dated at Valdez, Alaska, this 24th day of August, 1915.

The conditions of this obligation are such that whereas, under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 27 of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915. being an act entitled, "An Act Creating four road districts in the Territory of Alaska, and creating the office of Road Commissioner for each road district and appropriating moneys derived from that certain fund in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska, known as the 'Forest Reserve Fund', for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency therefor", approved April 28, 1915, the above-bounden Ed. Wood was duly and regularly selected Road Commissioner for Road District Number Three of the Territory of Alaska, as the same is described and delimited in said Chapter 27, and is about to enter upon the discharge of his duties as such Road Commissioner,

Now, therefore, if the said Ed. Wood, as such Road Commissioner shall well and truly safeguard all moneys entrusted to his keeping ~~xxx such Road Commissioner~~, and shall faithfully perform his duties as such Road Commissioner, then this ob-

ligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Ed Wood. (Seal)
Principal.

Anton Carlson (Seal)
Surety.

Angus Chisholm. (Seal)
Surety.

The above and foregoing bond and the sureties thereon are approved. Dated at Valdez, Alaska, this 24th day of August, 1915.

Fred M. Brown.
Judge.

FILED in the District Court,
Territory of Alaska Third Division.

SEP 1 1915
John Lang Clerk
By..... Deputy

September 9, 1915.

Mr. Arthur Lang, Clerk,
U. S. District Court,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Sep. 1, in answer to mine of Aug. 25th relative to bond of Mr. Ed. Wood, Road Commissioner.

The information contained in your letter and the certified copy of his bond, also other enclosures of your letter are very much appreciated. Please accept my thanks for your attention to this matter. Mr. Wood seems to be rather averse to writing for himself.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA }
Territory of Alaska, Third Division. } ss.:

I, the undersigned Clerk of the District Court for the Territory of Alaska, Third Division, do hereby certify that the ATTACHED is a full, true and correct copy of the original ORDER IN THE MATTER OF THE BOND OF ED. WOOD AS ROAD COMMISSIONER FOR ROAD DISTRICT NUMBER THREE, TERRITORY OF ALASKA.

as the same appears on file and of record in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court at Valdez, Alaska, this 4th. day of SEPTEMBER 1915.



ARTHUR LANG

Clerk.

By [Signature]

Deputy.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA, THIRD DIVISION.

In the Matter of the Bond of
 ED. WOOD,
as Road Commissioner for
Road District Number Three,
Territory of Alaska.

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ORDER.

This matter having come on for hearing on the application of Ed. Wood, for approval of his bond to the Territory of Alaska, for the faithful performance of his duties and the safeguarding of all moneys entrusted to his keeping as Road Commissioner for Road District Number Three, of the Territory of Alaska, and it appearing that the said Ed. Wood has been duly selected as such Road Commissioner for said Road District, and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 27, of the Session Laws of Alaska, 1915, entitled "An Act creating four road districts in the Territory of Alaska, and creating the office of Road Commissioner for each road district and appropriating money derived from that certain fund in the Treasury of the Territory of Alaska, known as the 'Forest Reserve Fund', for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining of trails, roads and bridges in the Territory of Alaska, and declaring an emergency therefor", approved April 28, 1915, and that under the provisions of said act the applicant, as such Road Commissioner, must furnish a good and sufficient bond for the safeguarding of all moneys entrusted to his keeping, and for the faithful performance of his duties, said bond to be approved by the Judge of the District Court of the Division in which such Road Commissioner is situated, but that the said Act does not state the amount of such bond, nor the obligee therein;

And it further appearing that the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska has suggested that such bond be given in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), and that the same should run to and in favor of the Territory of Alaska, and the said said amount having presented to the court for approval his bond to the Territory of Alaska, duly executed by the said Ed. Wood, as principal, and Anton Carlsson and Angus Christholm, as sureties, in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), conditioned that the said Ed. Wood, as such Road Commissioner, shall well and truly safeguard all moneys entrusted to his keeping, and shall faithfully perform the duties of his office;

And it further appearing that the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska has suggested that such bond be given in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), and that the same should run to and in favor of the Territory of Alaska, and the said applicant having presented to the court for approval his bond to the Territory of Alaska, duly executed by the said Ed. Wood, as principal, and Anton Carlson and Angus Chisholm, as sureties, in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00), conditioned that the said Ed. Wood, as such Road Commissioner, shall well and truly safeguard all moneys entrusted to his keeping, and shall faithfully perform the duties of his office;

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: That the said bond be, and the same hereby is, approved in all respects; that the same be placed on file in the office of the Clerk of this Court, and a copy thereof, and of this order, duly certified to be such copies by said Clerk, be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Territory of Alaska, at Juneau, Alaska.

Done at Valdez, Alaska, this 1st day of September, 1915.

FRED M. BROWN

Judge.

Endorsed: Filed in the District Court, Territory of Alaska, Third Division, Sept. 4 1915, Arthur Lang, Clerk, By T.P. Geraghty, Deputy.

Entered Court Journal No. 9 page, 236.

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ED. WOOD, Proprietor

GENERAL TRANSFERRING

Valdez, Alaska, Oct 28, 1915,

W.G.Smith.

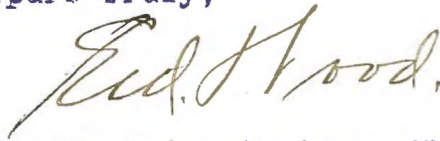
Treasurer Territory of Alaska,

Juneau Alaska,

Dear Sir.

I am mailing vouchers to the Secretary covering work done at Cordova
Alaska. The contractor Bartley Howard wishes to have his check mailed
to him through the First Bank Of Cordova,

Yours Truly,



Road Commissioner Third District of Alaska,

FILE NO.
REC'D. 11/1/15
ANSW'D ✓

November 27, 1915.

Mr. Ed. Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed voucher for \$2,400.00 to H. L. Jaynes and covering road work done on Mineral Creek road has been submitted to this office for inspection prior to approval by the Governor. Such inspection discloses a discrepancy of \$6.00 between amount of labor to be performed under the contract and amount certified to be due in the voucher, therefore it's return herewith for correction. Below you will find figures in detail showing the discrepancy.

10 laborers for 38 days at \$4.25 per day each -----	\$1,615.00
1 team with driver, 38 days at \$13.50 per day -----	513.00
1 foreman for 38 days at \$7.00 per day -----	<u>266.00</u>
Total -----	\$2,394.00
Amount of Voucher -----	<u>2,400.00</u>
Difference -----	6.00

Yours very truly,

Territorial Treasurer.

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Office of the Governor.

December 4, 1915.

Mr. Ed. Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

From the office of the Governor I am in receipt of voucher in duplicate in favor of Bartley Howard amounting to \$1,600.00 in settlement for road work done near Cordova, Alaska, the voucher being certified by yourself and your assistant commissioners and accompanied by copy of preliminary notices and contract under which the work was done.

Upon inspection and comparison of the voucher and contract, I find them not to be in accord, and they are herewith being returned for correction in certain details the reason for which I will explain as follows:

Your voucher contains statement of certain road work done consisting of grading, filling and building of bridges, these latter constructed of "sawn timber", all for a total amount of \$1,600.00. Had Mr. Howard's bid and contract provided for the performance of all this work for the flat amount named, the voucher would be in order, but I find that his contract provides for the labor of a certain number of men with suitable tool, for a certain number of days at \$6.00 per day; a foreman at \$8.00 per day for a certain number of days, and the services of a team, with driver for same and wagon, plow and scraper. In the contract there is no mention of any material to be furnished.

Under this contract then there should be specified in the

#2. E. W. Terr. Road Com/ 12/4/15.

the voucher a brief description of the work done, the locality in which it was done, followed by a statement of the number of men employed, total number of working days at rate per day contracted for, also same for team with driver and foreman, a summary of the total being the amount due the contractor under the contract, all to be certified by you and approved by your assistant commissioners.

In this instance, inasmuch as your voucher is all made up and certified, it will suffice if, with the other papers supporting the voucher, you will supply us with a further one showing the detail mentioned above, same to be made up by you or the contractor and approved by the assistant commissioners. Though there is mention made of bridge material in Mr. Howards voucher, I take it that no material was furnished by him, and that this matter has been covered by a separate contract.

I am advised by the Governor's office that this voucher has been previously returned to you for correction in certain details and because of not having been accompanied by the contract, and I regret exceedingly the necessity for this secondary return and the incident delay in its settlement. However, I trust you will appreciate the difficult position in which the writer is placed, the liability of this office to investigation and criticism at any time, and, as a consequence, the necessity of having all matters in regular and proper form before cash disbursements can be made upon them. I presume that some few difficulties are to be expected in the beginning of a new matter such as this, but that they will be overcome as we all get into the work.

#3. E. W., Terr. Road Com. 12/4/15.

Upon your furnishing us with the additional matter in support of Mr. Howard's voucher, as explained above, warrant in it's settlement will be promptly issued and forwarded to him at the address furnished in your letter of Nov. 22d to this office.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

CC-Governor's Office,

Enclosures,

Voucher in duplicate,
Certificate of Road Commissioner,
Copy of Public Notice,
Contract.

December 13, 1915.

Mr. Ed Wood,
Territorial Road Commissioner,
Valdez, Alaska.

Dear Sir:

The Three enclosed vouchers have been submitted to this office for inspection prior to their approval by the Governor, and such inspection showing them to be lacking in certain details, all are herewith enclosed for correction.

The contract attached to voucher in favor of Andrew Nelson provides for services of four men at \$6.50 per day for 30 days; one man with team and use of wagon, etc., at \$13.00 per day, also foreman at \$7.00 per day for the stipulated time. Your voucher makes mention of "thirty days work performed by crew of five men and two horses according to contract. It makes, however, no mention of the foreman. Attached to the voucher you will find a memorandum statement which I have prepared in accordance with the contract. A similar statement on the voucher or attached thereto, properly certified, will place it in proper shape for approval and payment. Similar corrections in the voucher in favor of Pat. Murphy are necessary before it can be approved and paid.

In the matter of the voucher to Gus. F. Johnson for \$300.00 as salary while acting as assistant commissioner on Kotsina and Chisana trails, both Governor Strong and myself think the voucher should be supported by more detail. That is, should specify the dates between which the work was performed, the number of days engaged and amount per day, and any other information which it might occur to you would be useful in passing upon this matter.

I note wording in your contracts which seems to me rather un-

#2. Mr. Ed. Wood. Road Commissioner, 12/13/15.

fortunate and which I would suggest be changed in subsequent contracts. The wording referred to is on the second page of the contract and is as follows; "All payments to be made in duplicate vouchers properly signed by the persons performing the labor, etc." From this wording it might be taken that payments were to be made direct to each individual workman, whereas it is only the contractor who is to be settled with in such manner

Upon return of these vouchers properly corrected in accordance with above instructions, they will be promptly passed and approved for payment. I trust that we will soon get these matters systematized so that these delays may not be necessary.

Very truly yours,

Territorial Treasurer.

Enclosures.

CC-for Governor's office.