

**State Board of Stock Commissioners, Power of to Grant Pensions. Pensions—State Board of Stock Commissioners, Authority of. Donations by Stock Commissioners, Power of.**

The State Board of Stock Commissioners is not vested with authority to grant pensions or make donations out of any public money.

June 10, 1915.

Hon. D. W. Raymond,  
Secretary State Board of Stock Commissioners,  
Helena, Montana.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant, submitting the question

as to the power and authority of the State Board of Stock Commissioners and the State Board of Sheep Commissioners to make donations or grant pensions to the widows of deceased stock inspectors?

No authority whatsoever exists in any public board to make donations, or grant pensions out of any public moneys. The exercise of such power and authority is even expressly forbidden to the state legislature.

Section 13, Article I, State Constitution;  
Section 29, Article V, State Constitution.

Yours very truly,

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Attorney General.