

Opinion No. 423**Poor—County Commissioners—Supplies, Purchase of, as an Incident to Employment—Poor Fund.**

HELD: The county commissioners have power to purchase paint and other supplies from the Poor Fund for the purpose of keeping the poor employed.

January 23, 1934.

You have submitted the question whether the county commissioners have the power to purchase paint and other supplies from the poor fund for the purpose of keeping the poor employed, there being a deficiency in such material supplied under the C. W. A.

For the reasons set out in Opinion No. 378, this volume, concerning the hiring of an employment manager, I am of the opinion that the county commissioners have such power under the provisions of Section 4465, R. C. M. 1921, as amended by Chapter 100, Laws of 1931. The purchasing of such materials seems to be a method reasonably well adapted to the end of providing for the care and maintenance of the dependent poor, a duty with which the county commissioners are charged.