

v. Custer County, 83 Mont. 130, 269 Pac. 396, and also to the recent case of State ex rel. Freeman v. Abstractors Board of Examiners, 99 Mont. 564, 45 Pac. (2) 668.

Opinion No. 210.

**County Commissioners—Abstracts—
Tax Deed Lands.**

HELD: County commissioners may legally purchase abstracts from a legally licensed abstractor covering lands acquired by the county through tax deed.

December 14, 1937.

Hon. W. A. Brown
State Examiner
The Capitol

Dear Mr. Brown:

You have submitted the following:
"May a board of county commissioners legally contract to purchase abstracts from a regularly licensed abstractor covering lands acquired by the county through tax deed?"

"The reason for submitting the question is that a certain county has acquired considerable tax deed lands. It is found that before these lands can be sold by the county, title must be quieted by court action. In order to intelligently file and prosecute the title actions, it is claimed that abstracts are necessary."

Your question must be answered in the affirmative as it has been before the Supreme Court, and determined. We call attention to the case of Arnold