

January 13, 1941

Mr. W. A. Thompson, Chairman
Arizona State Fair Commission,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Sir:

In response to your request of recent date as to whether the Arizona State Fair Commission may legally expend money out of the State Fair Fund for the purpose of making permanent and other improvements on the State Fair Grounds you are advised that Article 8, Section 703, Arizona Code Annotated 1939 provides in part as follows:

" All moneys coming into the hands of the commission shall be deposited promptly through the board of directors of state institutions with the state treasurer who shall credit such deposits to the state fair fund, which fund is created hereby and which shall be under the full control and jurisdiction of the commission."

Said section further provides:

" The commission shall have the custody and shall be entrusted with the entire direction of all state fair property and shall have full authority to construct and maintain improvements in connection therewith and to direct and conduct state fairs, exhibits, contests and entertainments for the purposes of promoting and advancing the diverse pursuits and interests of the several counties and of the state, and for the purposes of producing revenue to assist in defraying the necessary expenses incurred in conducting such fairs, funds for the maintenance or construction of suitable improvements upon the state fair grounds."

It is our opinion that under the provisions of law above quoted the Fair Commission has lawful authority to expend moneys from the State Fair Fund for the purpose of making permanent and other improvements on the State Fair Grounds.

Yours truly,

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