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DATE: July 13, 2017

TO: Project file, Gages Lake Road Culvert Collapse

FROM: Al Giertych, Acting County Engineer

SUBJ: Emergency procurement for culvert/bridge collapse on Gages Lake Road

The purpose of this memo is to explain the need for an emergency procurement to repair the collapsed culvert on Gages Lake Road between Illinois Route 21 and Hunt Club Road. The procurement will include all necessary professional engineering services and contractual construction services based on quotations and expertise rather than the sealed bidding process.

The nature of the emergency is the collapse of the culvert on Gages Lake Road between Illinois Route 21 and Hunt Club Road. The Lake County Division of Transportation (LCDOT) closed Gages Lake Road, from Illinois Route 21 to Hunt Club Road, to through traffic on Wednesday afternoon July 12 due to floodwaters washing out a large culvert and collapsing the road just east of Leonard Drive. Lake County DOT maintenance crews were able to identify that the culvert was in distress and closed the road prior to the pavement collapsing.

The road will remain closed to through traffic until the culvert is replaced and the pavement repairs are complete. LCDOT will work as quickly as possible to get the road back open. An estimate of the length of time needed for the closure will be available when repair options have been more fully evaluated. Local traffic will have access from Hunt Club to Leonard Drive and Muirfield Drive and from Illinois Route 21 to Colby Road.

A corrective action is needed to make Gages Lake Road safe for the traveling public. Gages Lake Road is a county owned highway and therefore it is the position of Lake County that the need to remedy and repair the culvert to protect the traveling public constitutes an emergency and justifies invoking Article 6-103 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance.

Therefore, as Acting County Engineer of Lake County, I hereby declare that an emergency exists, and that the terms as defined in Article 6-103 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance effective July 12, 2017 exists, and I hereby invoke Article 6-103 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance.

Furthermore, I am hereby directing my staff to determine which contractual construction firm would be best suited to appropriately implement the determined repair. The selected construction firm shall include within their recommendation pricing, quantities, and overall costs for the implementation of the recommended remedy.

An appropriation of funds for the above-said professional engineering services and contract construction services will be presented to the County Board at its August 8, 2017 meeting or a future meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Giertych", written over a horizontal line.

Al Giertych
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