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TO: Yvette Albarran, Purchasing Manager

FROM: Austin McFarlane, Lake County Public Works Director

RE: Emergency Procurement for Salem Lake Road Gravity Sewer Main Repair

The purpose of this memo is to explain the need for an emergency procurement to repair a failed sanitary sewer main at Salem Lake Road – Lake Zurich.

On Friday, May 09, 2025, the gravity sanitary sewer main that extends to Ela Lift Station and runs south from Rt 22 overflowed at the LCPW Manhole 42GA85. During the follow up investigation, it was discovered that a portion of the gravity sewer at LCPW Manhole 42GA84 was damaged along with sections of the manhole structure. As a result of this damage, sanitary sewer was released on to the surrounding area and a sink hole was created at 20433 W. Rt 22. This breakage created a dangerous situation that requires prompt and immediate corrective actions. The procurement will include contractual construction services based on expertise rather than the sealed bidding process.

Our maintenance team is monitoring the situation and have taken temporary steps to prevent further release of the sanitary sewer and have added precautionary barriers around the sink hole. These steps, however, are temporary and there is a need to have a contractor repair this break as soon as possible. Therefore, it is the position of Lake County Public Works that this sanitary sewer main be immediately repaired to protect public safety and the surrounding environment and that this constitutes an emergency and justifies invoking Article 6-103 of the Lake County Purchasing Ordinance.

LCPW has secured the service of a contractor to begin repairs on this damaged sanitary sewer main. Our maintenance team will continue to bypass the sanitary sewer around the pipe/structure until the repair is completed.

An appropriation of funds for the above contract construction services will be presented to Committees (PWT/F&A) and County Board at the July 30, 2025, meeting or a future meeting.