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**To: Shane Schneider****File:****From: Mike Burke****Sect: 20-00235-02-BR****Subj: Justification of Bid****Date: 2/7/2023**

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Shane,

All five of the bids received for the Stearns School Road Bridge at Mill Creek project exceeded the Engineer's Estimate of \$1,669,428.50. The low bid was over the estimate by \$26,487.06, or 1.6%. The other five bids exceeded the project estimate by an average of 17.3%.

Estimated prices for this project were developed utilizing prices from previous lettings. The low bid prices for earthwork pay items, steel and metal pay items, and select concrete pay items exceeded the estimated bid prices. Pricing volatility for fuel, steel, and concrete along with shortage of labor and material supply chain issues contributed to the slightly higher than anticipated bid prices received.

As there were five bidders for this project, it is not anticipated that re-letting this project would result in lower bid prices. Based on the above analysis I recommend that the County award the contract to the low bidder, Rausch Infrastructure, LLC at the bid price of \$1,695,915.56.

Approved by:

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Project Engineer