



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: 10-24-23

Title of Item: Sponsorship Resolution for Shamrock Township LRIP Project

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	Action Requested: <input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*
Submitted by: John Welle		Department: Highway Department
Presenter (Name and Title): John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer		Estimated Time Needed: 5 minutes
Summary of Issue: <p>The 2023 Legislature appropriated \$102.967 million to the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) as part of the bonding bill. These funds are available to fund improvements on city, township, and county roads throughout Minnesota. Grant applications are currently being accepted by the Minnesota Department of Transportation for eligible local projects through December 8, 2023. Applications from cities and townships are required to be sponsored by their county.</p> <p>Attached is a sponsorship resolution for a project on Long Point Place (Bridge Road) in Shamrock Township.</p>		
Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:		
Recommended Action/Motion: Request approval of the attached resolution.		
Financial Impact: Is there a cost associated with this request? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ Is this budgeted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>Please Explain:</i>		

Legally binding agreements must have County Attorney approval prior to submission.

By Commissioner: xxx

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SPONSORSHIP RESOLUTION

PROJECT SPONSORSHIP RESOLUTION FOR SHAMROCK TOWNSHIP PURSUIT OF 2023 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LRIP) FROM THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF LONG POINT PLACE (BRIDGE ROAD) FROM MINNESOTA TRUNK HIGHWAY 65 TO 209TH PLACE.

WHEREAS, 102.967 million in LRIP funding is available, with a cap of \$1.5 million for each project, and

WHEREAS, LRIP funds can be used on reasonable elements associated with roadway construction and that other costs, including but not limited to consultant engineering and inspection, utility construction, as well as construction costs above the LRIP award will need to have alternate funding sources identified; and

WHEREAS, Shamrock Township wishes to pursue LRIP funds to reconstruct 2 miles of Bridge Road between Trunk Highway 65 to 209th Place to a 9-ton roadway standard to improve safety and accessibility to the residents utilizing the roadway for ingress and egress to their properties; and

WHEREAS, the construction on Bridge Road will benefit many agencies and people, including but not limited to MnDOT, Aitkin County, and residents as roadway geometrics will be improved to provide for safer travel and clear zones, areas below the 50-year flood elevation will be raised to provide access during historic flooding events where emergency services were typically called to assist, and residents will have year round access to their properties utilizing a reconstructed roadway; and

WHEREAS, Bridge Road serves as the only route for citizens in the township to ingress and egress from their properties on the peninsula and island, which creates a safety hazard when these more frequent and intense flooding events occur on the lake; and

WHEREAS, Shamrock Township wishes to pursue the funds and complete the project work in construction year 2025; and

WHEREAS, non-state aid cities and townships must have a county sponsor; and

WHEREAS, the Township has committed to maintain such improvements for the lifetime of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Township has committed to provide for all other project costs in which would be ineligible for LRIP funding including but not limited to design engineering, construction administration and testing, legal/administrative fees, and utility construction; and

WHEREAS, the Township passed a resolution seeking County support and sponsorship at their October 12, 2023 Township Board meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE AITKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The County agrees to act as project sponsor and provide support for the project should Shamrock Township be awarded LRIP funds, and that such sponsorship shall include the following responsibilities:
 - a. Authorizing the County Engineer to act as an agent on behalf of the sponsoring agency.
 - b. Be the fiscal agent on behalf of the Township and have funds flow from MnDOT to the County and to the Contractor.
 - c. Work with the township's representative, WSB, through the state aid process including plan reviews, approvals, and grant agreements.
 - d. Request an SAP number for the project.
 - e. Work with WSB to ensure project is meeting milestones and dates.
 - f. Review and sign the plans prepared by WSB along with providing cursory review of the engineers estimate and proposal before submission to the DSAE.
 - g. Review and sign state aid pay requests (SAPRs) prepared by WSB before submission to State Aid for review.
 - h. Assist WSB in communicating progress and updates with the DSAE's and State Aid State Programs Engineer.

Commissioner xxx seconded the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

xxx MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting xxx

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 24th day of October 2023, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

Witness my hand and seal this 24th day of October 2023.

Jessica Seibert
County Administrator