

RESOLUTION DECLARING A REAL AND PRESENT EMERGENCY EXISTS AT THE LIFT BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 531 WITHIN THE CITY OF ASHTABULA, DUE TO A BRAKE SYSTEM FAILURE, ENGINEER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Ohio Revised Code §307.86 (A) competitive bidding is not required when the Board of Commissioners by unanimous vote of its members makes the determination that a real and present emergency exists and such determination and the reasons therefor are entered into the minutes of the proceedings of the Board; and

WHEREAS, this Board has been informed by the Ashtabula County Engineer, that emergency replacement of the brake system at the Lift Bridge located on State Route 531 within the City of Ashtabula will need to be completed immediately; and

WHEREAS, the brake system is as important as one of the main bridge supporting members and currently the bridge does not react correctly when it is windy and during other adverse weather conditions, and as it progresses the bridge may need to be left in the up position during boating season, because waterway traffic trumps the roadway; and

WHEREAS, the existing brake system was installed during the 1985 rehab, but the manufacturer is defunct, making parts and any replacement unavailable and requires the replacement of the whole brake system; and

WHEREAS, the project cost is estimated currently at \$400,000 and the Ohio Department of Transportation has asked the Engineer's office to administer the project and will reimburse the Engineer's Office for costs, with an additional \$700,000 available, if needed; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that this constitutes a real and present emergency exists and the Lift Bridge brake system needs replaced immediately to ensure the safety of waterway, motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic, as the Lift Bridge is located in the Ashtabula Harbor, a hot spot for tourism and the local community; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Ashtabula County Commissioners, by unanimous vote of its members, that a real and present emergency is declared at the Lift Bridge located on State Route 531 within the City of Ashtabula, as outlined above.

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Upon the motion of Kathryn L. Whittington, seconded by J.P. Ducro IV.

VOTE:

**Casey R. Kozlowski
Kathryn L. Whittington
J.P. Ducro IV**

**Aye
Aye
Aye**

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon and duly passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Ashtabula County, Ohio, on the date noted above.



Lisa Hawkins, Clerk of the Board
Board of County Commissioners
Ashtabula County, Ohio