

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CLOSURE AND REMOVAL OF A
BRIDGE IN JASPER COUNTY, IOWA**

Moved by Nearmyer, seconded by Cupples

WHEREAS, a bridge is defined by Iowa Code 309.1 as a structure or multiple pipes that support a highway or railway over a depression or obstruction and said structure has an opening greater than 20 feet; and

WHEREAS, the Jasper County Secondary Roads department (COUNTY) through a 3rd Party bridge inspection firm completed the inspection of the bridge over the North Skunk River on Iowa Street known as Bridge I07 by the County and as 197730 by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and

WHEREAS, the latest inspection revealed a split and decayed abutment cap, severe pile decay, backwall movement, deck plank splitting and decay, and

WHEREAS, to resolve the issues with the abutments would require the removal of the deck, beams, and abutments and then complete replacement of the abutments and

WHEREAS, the replacement of abutments, beams, and deck could not be in-kind since it would need to meet current bridge loading requirements to avoid load posting immediately after completion, and

WHEREAS, a replacement not in-kind would be a construction project and in-turn subject to programming with the Iowa DOT and subsequent review and/or permitting with the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and

WHEREAS, this would result in a replacement bridge that is longer, wider, and at a higher elevation and in turn necessitating the need for additional permanent easement for public highway (right-of-way) and the allocation of approximately \$2,500,000 in funding, and

WHEREAS, the County has applied for and been unsuccessful with different sources of grant funding, and

WHEREAS, the County Highway Bridge Program (HBP) funding is allocated to the replacement of bridges on paved Farm-to-Market (FM) routes, this route and bridge are not part of the FM system and therefore ineligible for funding, and insufficient funds are currently available in the Local Secondary Roads Budget (Local Funds), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jasper County, Iowa, that the County hereby authorizes the removal of this bridge and the subsequent programing of a replacement for said bridge only when a source of funding is successfully awarded and/or budgeted and in turn approved by the Board of Supervisors of Jasper County, Iowa:

AYES: 111 _____

NAYS: _____

Approved this 12 day of August, 2025

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ATTEST: Jenna Jennings Jenna Jennings
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