

County to Replace Bridge on Doc Ward Road

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Green County Judge-Executive John Frank announced that Green County has received up to \$441,186.00 to replace a bridge that is located on Doc Ward Road in the Summersville area of Green County.

The grant comes from the City-County Bridge Improvement Program (CCBIP) through the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

The bridge currently has a weight limit of just nine tons which restricts traffic in that area, especially farm machinery. Just like much of Green County, this is an agricultural area and load restric-

tions severely impact connectivity and travel by the farmers who use this road. The county must follow a procedure before construction can begin on the bridge replacement.

"The process starts with us hiring an engineer to tell us how much money we need to ask for to replace the bridge," Frank said. "The next step is to submit an application to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet and ask for approval. Once it is approved, we eventually get to the bidding process and then on to the actual construction. I anticipate the bids will be submitted and awarded within the next two months."

Frank expressed appreciation for the funding being made available to Green County to replace the bridge.

"This is the second bridge in the county that will be replaced using the City-County Bridge Improvement Program funds," Frank said. "Obviously, there is no possible way we could replace these bridges without financial assistance."

According to the Kentucky Association of Counties data, Green County has 29 county-owned bridges with a total of 57 bridges in the county, many of which include various crossings over Green County and the waters that flow into the Green River.



Photos by Dale Curry

Green County has been awarded more than \$400,000 to replace a bridge on Doc Ward Road approximately two miles from Highway 61 North. Several steps still need to be taken before the bridge is actually replaced but plans are now underway for completion as soon as possible.

Exie Fire Department receives donation

Geronimo Power Senior Manager of Project Development Noura Hennen presented a \$10,000 check to Exie Fire Department members during a ceremony held Wednesday, April 15 at the Exie Volunteer Fire Department. The funds will be used to purchase turnout gear. The fire department was selected in recognition of the important role it plays in protecting and supporting the local community. Pictured from left, Firefighter Todd Rogers, Ms. Hennen, Chief Arnold Matney, Firefighters Marty Matney, Tasha Buckner, and Gary Buckner.



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Safe Schools Route

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Ferguson went on to say that another phase of the project will eventually start where this phase ends and go to American Legion Park.

The initial phase of the project should be completed this Summer, according to Ferguson.

In addition to constructing the multi-use path, the project will also address some Americans with Disabilities Act issues that should have been completed earlier.

He added that at the intersection of Brumal Avenue, Carlisle Ave. and Kidz Korner, crosswalks will be added as well as con-

necting the sidewalks. This project makes the area more accessible for runners, walkers and cyclists.

Scott and Murphy, headquartered in Bowling Green, is doing the construction work. Pitman-Green, LLC, a local engineering firm, prepared the design and will be inspecting the job.

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Exie Fire Department Receives \$10,000 Donation to Support Volunteer Crew

On Wednesday, April 15, the Exie Fire Department received a \$10,000 donation from Geronimo Power during a community gathering at the Exie Fire House in Greensburg, Kentucky.

Geronimo Power made the donation to help support the all-volunteer crew in keeping Green County's communities safe. Fire Chief Arnold Matney accepted the contribution on behalf of the department, noting that the donation will further their ongoing emergency response, training, and preparedness efforts.

Geronimo Power's Noura Hennen, Senior Manager of Project Development, was on-site to present the check and thank the volunteer firefighters for their dedication to public safety.

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