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COUNTY ENGINEERS POLICY

Subject:

TOWNSHIP ROAD CULVERTS

Policy:

Bridges are identified as any structure of ten feet (10') or more clear span or ten feet (10') or more in diameter on, above, or below a highway. The County Engineer has the responsibility to construct and maintain all highway bridges on County and Township roads in Carroll County.

Culverts are identified as any structure less than ten feet (10') clear span/diameter on or below a highway. The responsibility to construct and maintain highway culverts on roads within Carroll County lies with the respective road maintenance jurisdiction of the highway (i.e. Township, County, and State).

Townships are responsible for construction and maintenance of all culverts on township roads less than ten foot (10') clear span/diameter.

Based on a formal request from the township for assistance, the County may participate in township culvert replacement projects at its discretion and within the limits of available resources.

The following warrants or guidelines are recommended:

1. The County does not provide assistance with the replacement of township road culverts less than forty-eight inches (48") in diameter unless extenuating circumstances warrant that assistance, (i.e. emergency damage, excessive cover depth, high flow or submergence, etc.). The County Engineer or designee shall determine the township's need for assistance under extenuating circumstances.
2. The County may provide assistance to the township with the removal and installation of township road culverts forty-eight inches (48") or more in diameter but less than ten feet (10') clear span/diameter within the limits of available County resources. Townships must supply all materials and supplemental labor and equipment as necessary to complete the project according to the design. The County Engineer, at his discretion, may elect to secure grant funding for culvert replacement projects greater than 5' diameter on township roads based on available funds, degree of difficulty of the project and availability of resources.

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Approved: /s/ Brian J. Wise, Carroll County Engineer