

3 Senate Bill No. 853

4 SENATE BILL NO. 853 - By: Schulz of the Senate and Martin (Steve) of  
5 the House.

6 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69  
7 O.S. 2001, Section 633, as last amended by Section 1,  
8 Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2005 (69 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 633),  
9 which relates to county transportation projects; modifying  
10 amounts of transportation projects subject to certain  
11 procedures; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
12 emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 633, as last  
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 174, O.S.L. 2005 (69 O.S. Supp. 2008,  
16 Section 633), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 633. A. When any culvert or bridge is to be  
18 constructed at an estimated cost of ~~Seventy-five Thousand Dollars~~  
19 ~~(\$75,000.00)~~ One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) or  
20 more, or any culvert or bridge reconstruction is to be accomplished  
21 at an estimated cost of ~~Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00)~~  
22 One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) or more, or grade-  
23 and-drainage project is to be developed, or reconstruction,  
24 replacement or major repairs are to be accomplished by the board of  
25 county commissioners acting alone or in cooperation with the state  
26 or federal government, at an estimated cost of ~~One Hundred Fifty~~  
27 ~~Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00)~~ Three Hundred Thousand Dollars

1 (\$300,000.00) or more, in either event, engineering plans and  
2 specifications shall be prepared by the county engineer to insure  
3 sound engineering practices. The project shall be advertised for  
4 bids pursuant to Section 1101 of this title, and the contract shall  
5 be let only after notice at a public letting. If the construction  
6 work can be completed for a cost below or equal to the estimate of  
7 the engineer or below any bid submitted at a public letting and so  
8 entered in its journal, nothing in this title shall prevent the  
9 board from causing the same to be built by day labor, force account,  
10 and purchase by the county of materials as provided by law.

11 B. If the board of county commissioners deems it necessary, it  
12 may consult and seek the advice of the Department of Transportation  
13 regarding the design, construction and maintenance of the project,  
14 and the Department of Transportation may furnish advice for any of  
15 the projects to insure sound engineering practices. If provided,  
16 the services shall be furnished without cost or expense to the  
17 county.

18 C. The board may authorize the county clerk to draw warrants  
19 for the amount of payrolls for labor furnished under the day labor  
20 system, when the payrolls are certified to as correct by the  
21 engineer or person in charge of the work, and the payroll shall be  
22 passed upon by the board following certification.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

1           SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-16-09  
6 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.