

SB 854

THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 23, 2009

Senate Bill No. 854
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 854 - By: Schulz of the Senate and Sanders of the House.

[roads, bridges and ferries - County Bridge and Road Improvement Act - effective date - emergency]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 662, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 2006 (69 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 662), is amended to read as follows:

Section 662. A. The program and funds shall be administered by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation under a minimum of policies, guidelines and engineering design standards. Approved projects will be awarded to contractors by the State Transportation Commission or by other federal or state agencies under their normal competitive bidding procedures, excluding prequalification of bidders. Force account road projects may be approved for a county by the Transportation Commission. No force account county bridge project shall be reimbursed in excess of ~~Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00). No county road project in excess of ~~Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00)~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), excluding

1 the cost for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utility
2 relocation, in cost shall be done by the force account method.

3 B. Funds available for the County Bridge and Road Improvement
4 Act shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be
5 available for encumbrance and expenditure purposes for a period of
6 thirty (30) months from the effective date such funds are
7 appropriated.

8 C. In order to receive reimbursement for constructing a force
9 account bridge, a county shall have sufficient funds in the County
10 Bridge and Road Improvement Fund to pay the reimbursement request
11 cost. Upon completion of a force account bridge, the board of
12 county commissioners shall request an inspection of the bridge in
13 accordance with the criteria set forth by the National Bridge
14 Inventory Program.

15 D. When the force account bridge has been inspected and
16 achieves a load rating of H. twenty (20) tons or greater, the board
17 of county commissioners may submit a request for reimbursement to
18 the Department of Transportation. The county shall receive
19 reimbursement for all costs claimed relating to the construction of
20 the bridge provided the inspection report indicates that the county
21 has met or exceeded the criteria set forth in this section. The
22 resolution for reimbursement submitted by the board of county
23 commissioners shall serve to satisfy the requirements of Section

1 41.16 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes. County force account
2 bridges eligible for reimbursement from the County Bridge and Road
3 Improvement Fund shall meet or exceed the following criteria:

4 1. The bridge has been built according to the current edition
5 of the County Bridge Standards manual or from field notes drawn by a
6 registered professional engineer that provide the basic structural
7 requirements to achieve a load rating of H. twenty (20) tons or
8 greater. Field notes may be handwritten specifications or sketches
9 which have been stamped or signed;

10 2. The finished bridge shall achieve a twenty-ton or greater
11 rating. The rating criteria shall be determined by the National
12 Bridge Inventory and approved by the Department of Transportation
13 for bridges twenty (20) feet or more in length;

14 3. The subsurface foundation of the bridge shall meet the
15 minimum guidelines established by using approved engineering
16 methods, details of which shall be kept as shop notes;

17 4. The finished bridge shall have a minimum roadway width of
18 twenty-four (24) feet; and

19 5. Materials used in the construction of the bridge shall meet
20 or exceed the specifications for materials as specified in the
21 current edition of the County Bridge Standards or certified in
22 writing by the engineer or supplier.

1 E. Monies from the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund may
2 be used to establish minimum standards for guardrail applications on
3 low-traffic-volume county roads. The board of directors of the
4 association representing the county commissioners of Oklahoma may
5 request the development of guardrail standards for bridges on low-
6 traffic-volume county roads, as defined in the county road standard
7 manual, the cost of which shall be paid from monies from the County
8 Bridge and Road Improvement Fund.

9 F. Prior to construction of the bridge, a county may request
10 that construction supervision be provided by the Circuit Engineering
11 District of which the county is a member to ensure quality control
12 and quality assurance.

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

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

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO
19 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.