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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;
8 amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 662, as amended by
9 Section 3, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 2006 (69 O.S. Supp.
10 2008, Section 662), which relates to reimbursement
11 for force account county projects; modifying amounts
12 eligible for reimbursement for force account county
13 projects; and providing an effective date.

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

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

18 Section 662. A. The program and funds shall be administered by
19 the Oklahoma Department of Transportation under a minimum of
20 policies, guidelines and engineering design standards. Approved
21 projects will be awarded to contractors by the State Transportation
22 Commission or by other federal or state agencies under their normal
23 competitive bidding procedures, excluding prequalification of
24 bidders. Force account road projects may be approved for a county
by the Transportation Commission. No force account county bridge

1 project shall be reimbursed in excess of ~~Two Hundred Thousand~~
2 ~~Dollars (\$200,000.00)~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00).

3 No county road project in excess of ~~Two Hundred Thousand Dollars~~
4 ~~(\$200,000.00)~~ Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00), excluding
5 the cost for engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and utility
6 relocation, in cost shall be done by the force account method.

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

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

19 D. When the force account bridge has been inspected and
20 achieves a load rating of H. twenty (20) tons or greater, the board
21 of county commissioners may submit a request for reimbursement to
22 the Department of Transportation. The county shall receive
23 reimbursement for all costs claimed relating to the construction of
24 the bridge provided the inspection report indicates that the county

1 has met or exceeded the criteria set forth in this section. The
2 resolution for reimbursement submitted by the board of county
3 commissioners shall serve to satisfy the requirements of Section
4 41.16 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes. County force account
5 bridges eligible for reimbursement from the County Bridge and Road
6 Improvement Fund shall meet or exceed the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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