

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 260

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8 An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;
9 amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 661, which relates to
10 apportionment of funds and Section 665, which relates
11 to review of contracts; modifying certain limitation
12 on use of funds; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 661, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 661. A. When a county receives monies pursuant to the
17 County Bridge and Road Improvement Act, a county shall give priority
18 to reconstructing, replacing, or closing those bridges in the county
19 that are rated less than three (3) tons or fifteen (15) tons or less
20 for those bridges on school bus routes. Bridge and road replacement
21 or reconstruction projects shall be selected by the individual
22 boards of county commissioners and shall be based on a countywide
23 assessment of bridge and road reconstruction and replacement needs.
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1 A county may also use such monies for general administrative
2 expenses of county government.

3 B. Funds accruing to the County Bridge and Road Improvement
4 Revolving Fund shall be apportioned on the basis of a formula
5 developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the
6 Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant
7 to Section 302.1 of this title. The formula shall be similar to
8 that previously used for the distribution of County Bridge
9 Improvement Program funds, but shall also take into consideration
10 the effects of terrain and traffic volume as related to county road
11 improvement and maintenance costs.

12 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 665, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 665. A. All consulting engineering contracts for
15 services referred to in this act may be reviewed by the Department
16 of Transportation except those contracts entered into pursuant to
17 the provisions of Section 687.1 of this title or by the county or
18 circuit engineer. The Department, county or circuit engineer shall
19 make findings on all contracts reviewed that the cost is reasonable
20 and the firm involved is capable of performing the service within a
21 reasonable period of time.

22 B. Expenditures which may be allowed pursuant to the provisions
23 of this act shall include the following:
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1 1. The cost of county bridge inspections, classifications, and
2 evaluations, and county road inspections, classifications and
3 evaluations for federal and state purposes and to match federal or
4 state funds, provided the applicable federal or state funds are
5 available;

6 2. Project engineering costs;

7 3. The cost of rights-of-way acquired for projects pursuant to
8 the provisions of this act and the cost of the relocation of
9 utilities from the rights-of-way so acquired;

10 4. The cost of reconstruction or replacement of roadway
11 structures which may be less than twenty (20) feet in length;

12 5. Any cost or expense for administration, program management,
13 engineering, including the development of appropriate local road
14 standards which shall apply only to those roads reconstructed,
15 maintained, or otherwise constructed pursuant to this act, or
16 construction supervision necessarily incurred by the Department of
17 Transportation or Circuit Engineering Districts in fulfilling its
18 duties and responsibilities pursuant to this act;

19 6. Any cost or expense related to a comprehensive plan for
20 signing or inventory of signs on the county road system;

21 7. The expense and related costs of employing an engineer to
22 assist a county or counties in carrying out the daily operations of
23 road and bridge maintenance and construction, including the
24 employment of a circuit engineer; ~~and~~

1 8. All costs associated with constructing a bituminous surface
2 treatment or gravel roadway; and

3 9. Any general administrative expenses of county government.

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

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