

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 260

By: Schulz of the Senate

3 and

4 Ortega of the House

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6 [ roads, bridges and ferries - contracts - limitation  
7 on use of funds - ~~emergency~~ ]  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

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

23 B. Funds accruing to the County Bridge and Road Improvement  
24 Revolving Fund shall be apportioned on the basis of a formula

1 developed by the Department of Transportation and approved by the  
2 Department of Transportation County Advisory Board created pursuant  
3 to Section 302.1 of this title. The formula shall be similar to  
4 that previously used for the distribution of County Bridge  
5 Improvement Program funds, but shall also take into consideration  
6 the effects of terrain and traffic volume as related to county road  
7 improvement and maintenance costs.

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

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

18 B. Expenditures which may be allowed pursuant to the provisions  
19 of this act shall include the following:

20 1. The cost of county bridge inspections, classifications, and  
21 evaluations, and county road inspections, classifications and  
22 evaluations for federal and state purposes and to match federal or  
23 state funds, provided the applicable federal or state funds are  
24 available;

2. Project engineering costs;

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. Any general administrative expenses of county government.

~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~

~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

Passed the Senate the 20th day of March, 2017.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2017.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives