

# RESOLUTION

## Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the Paulsen Road Township Bridge Project (82)

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County has determined that there is a need to replace the Township owned Paulsen Road over North Branch Kishwaukee River (056-3071) Bridge in Hartland Township as part of McHenry County's approved 2024-2028 Transportation Program, as the existing bridge is structurally deficient and closed; and

**WHEREAS**, said improvements will require the services of an engineering consulting firm to provide Phase II design engineering for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, said project has been approved by the Illinois Department of Transportation to receive Local Bridge Formula Program (LBFP) Funds for Phase II Engineering while Phase III Construction funding will be contingent upon the availability of funds in future fiscal years; and

**WHEREAS**, McHenry County issued a Request for Qualification (RFQ) through a qualifications based selection process in compliance with the Illinois Local Governmental Professional Services Selection Act 50 ILCS 510/ET on April 15, 2021 for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, BLA, Inc. was selected as the preferred consultant to provide Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services and Phase II Design Engineering Services in accordance with McHenry County's Consultant Selection Policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Committee has reviewed and recommends approval of the attached Engineering Services Agreement with BLA, Inc. of Itasca, Illinois for a not to exceed amount of \$492,272.00 to provide said Phase II Design Engineering Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by this County Board of McHenry County, Illinois, that the Engineering Services Agreement between McHenry County and BLA, Inc. is hereby approved in the not to exceed the amount of \$492,272.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that there is hereby appropriated from the FY2025 budget the sum of four hundred ninety-two thousand, two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$492,272.00) from the County Matching Fund: Fund-Dept.-Div.-Main Acct: 206-82-8220-443520 (Highway Engineering and Consulting) for said agreement, and said agreement is attached hereto and hereby made apart hereof; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a Purchase Order shall be opened in the not to exceed amount of \$492,272.00; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this project is hereby designated as Section 21-00532-00-BR; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairman is hereby authorized to execute said agreement; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of this Resolution to the County Administrator, the Chief Financial Officer as well as five (5) certified copies, and one electronic copy of this Resolution to the Director of Transportation/County Engineer.

**DATED** at Woodstock, Illinois, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, A.D., 2025.

---

Michael Buehler, Chairman  
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

---

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk

## RESOLUTION

---

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Approving an Engineering Services Agreement and Appropriating Funds for the Paulsen Road Township Bridge Project (82)

---

**Board / Committee Action Requested:**

To approve an Engineering Services Agreement with BLA, Inc. for Phase II Design Engineering for the Township owned Paulsen Road over North Branch Kishwaukee River (056-3071) Township Bridge Project.

**Background and Discussion:**

The Division of Transportation needs to facilitate the replacement of the Township owned Paulsen Road over North Branch Kishwaukee River (056-3071) Bridge in Hartland Township due to its condition. The bridge is currently closed as of October 2024.

The Division of Transportation issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on April 15, 2021. BLA, Inc. was selected as the preferred consultant to provide Phase I Preliminary Engineering Services and Phase II Design Engineering Services in accordance with the County Consultant Selection Policy. Phase I Preliminary Engineering work is nearing completion, to seamlessly progress the project, we need to move forward with approval of the Phase II Design Engineering Services Agreement. Phase I Design Approval has been received by IDOT and FHWA.

The bridge meets the requirements for the Local Bridge Formula Program (LBFP) funds which will fund 80% of eligible Phase II Engineering Design of the project with local agency responsible for the remaining cost. The Paulsen Road project has secured a maximum amount of \$150,000 in federal LBFP funds. The agreement identified a total Phase II engineering cost of \$492,272.00 eligible for LBFP funding. The local (County) share will be \$342,272.00 and will be appropriated from the County Matching fund.

**Impact on Human Resources:** None

**Impact on Budget (Revenue; Expenses, Fringe Benefits):** This Phase II Design has been budgeted for in the County Board approved FY2025 Budget using County Matching funds.

**Impact on Capital Expenditures:** None

**Impact on Physical Space:** None

**Impact on Other County Departments or Outside Agencies:** None

**Conformity to Board Ordinances, Policies and Strategic Plan:** Conforms to purchasing ordinances and policies and County's Strategic Plan.