

Avena Bridge Repair and Certification

Progress Report #.2, 2/23/2026

Mark Braun Associates delivered the Proposal to the Road Committee (RC) on Feb. 19. The proposal was to perform all of the work outlined in our RFP for the sum of **\$8875.00**.

The Work would include:

1. Assessment of existing bridge including abutments and footings
2. Design of Bridge Repairs and Upgrades
3. Planning for bridge repair work including traffic control
4. Permitting for Bridge Repair Work
5. Construction cost estimate
6. Bridge Load Certification compliant with State and County requirements
7. Construction inspection as deemed necessary

The County has advised that our Engineer shall pay prevailing wages for this work.

The RC has investigated the wages rates for various trades but has not found a rate for Engineer. We have asked the County to let us know what the prevailing wage rate is for Structural Engineers.

The County response may possibly change the contract total of \$8875.00.

The RC will be awarding this work to Mark Braun Associates. In addition to helping to fulfill our pledge to see this project through quickly, such an award saves us some money since Mark Braun already did a bridge assessment back in 2012. The County's purchasing regulations do not require competitive bidding for consulting work until such work reaches the \$200K threshold.

Late update: on the morning of Feb. 23 Mark Braun decided not to continue with the project, citing a heavy workload. The RC will be seeking other proposals.