

To: President and Members of the Munster Town Council

From: Patricia Abbott
Controller/Interim Town Manager

Date: April 21, 2025

Re: Construction Engineering Agreement: Pedestrian Bridge Project

The Town went through the INDOT prescribed process to select a firm to perform the construction engineering on the Bridges Over Ditches Project which will construct a pedestrian bridge over Hart Ditch and Cady Marsh Ditch. This process was completed in November 2024. The selection committee chose SEH to perform this work and INDOT approved the determination.

Since that time there were a few items that needed final approval. Those have been secured, and the LPA Consulting Contract can be executed. This must be approved and submitted to INDOT by May 1, 2025, to retain the funding in this fiscal year.

The earliest construction can begin is July 2025 with completion in May 2026. The schedule is based on the lead time needed to secure the prefabricated bridge. It is expected to take six to eight months to be delivered once ordered. Letting for the project is scheduled for next month. SEH will work with the contractor on the final schedule once the lead time is established by the bridge manufacturer.

The total fee is hourly based with a not to exceed amount of \$253,300. This amount accounts for anticipated delays. This is part of the NIRPC funding for the project. Munster's portion will be paid from the LIT-Economic Development Fund. Construction will come from the 2024 General Obligation Bond.

Recommendation:

By motion and roll call vote, approve the LPA Consulting Contract with SEH for Construction Inspection of the Bike and Pedestrian Facilities on the trail over Hart Ditch and Cady Marsh Ditch in the Town of Munster, Des. No. 1173597.