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**SILICA SAND ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Portage County Board of Commissioners recently awarded a contract for the replacement of the bridge structure on Silica Sand Road in Nelson and Windham Townships. The bridge is located about 400 feet east of the intersection of Parkman Road and Silica Sand Road over Eagle Creek. Portage County Engineer, Larry Jenkins, said that the Commissioners opened bids for the project in March and construction will start in September. The contract includes the installation of a new bridge structure, including minimal approach work matching in kind the roadway conditions. Jenkins, said the Commissioners awarded the contract for this work to Winters Excavating LLC out of Stow, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,084,460. Jenkins said that two bids were received, and Winters Excavating LLC came in under the engineer's estimate of \$1,195,709. The County Engineer's Office was successful in obtaining a Federal Grant that covers nearly 100% of the cost of the construction. The bridge and all roadway work is to be completed by October of 2023. A detour for the closure will be posted in the field and on the County Engineer's web site. Jenkins said the County has hired MS Consultants, Inc., to perform the construction contract administration and inspection. If there are any questions about the project, please contact Mike Collins, Project Manager or Bill Vermes, Bridge Engineer in the Engineer's Office at 330-296-6411.

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