

Resolution No. 88-175

WHEREAS, County Bridge No. 784030, which carries county road 210 over Sampson Creek in the northern part of St. Johns County has been derated and a weight limit placed on it of 8 tons due to failure of several members of the bridge structure, and

WHEREAS, the bridge was built in 1952 and now is more than 35 years old and considered past its useful life, and

WHEREAS, the said bridge has recently been inspected by professional engineers and declared unsafe for any loads in excess of 8 tons, and

WHEREAS, the most prudent course of action according to the professional engineers appears to be complete replacement, and

WHEREAS, the said bridge is a vitally needed link in commerce, firefighting, emergency response, school bus, and general traffic routes in the northern part of St. Johns County, and

WHEREAS, this Board finds in accordance with Chapter 81-483 2(e) Laws of Florida that procurement of a replacement bridge is needed to alleviate an existing unsafe condition constituting an emergency and such procurement can not be obtained in sufficient time if new engineering designs, public notice and advertisement, and construction bids are required.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that speedy replacement of the County Bridge No. 784030 is declared matter of public welfare and need, an emergency requiring suspension of normal bidding requirements, and that the County Public Works Department is directed to proceed posthaste with the procurement of a replacement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of June by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Its Chairman

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