

June 25, 2015

Dear Residents:

We understand there has been a lot of concern about the time it is taking to repair the bridge on Warrensburg Road and the inconvenience it is causing the residents in your area of the County. Allow us to update you on the project.

We started assessing the situation with engineers immediately after the bridge deck collapsed. We attempted to expedite the project by seeking bids for the replacement bridge. Bids came in much higher than we anticipated.

Therefore, we are taking a different approach by hiring an engineering firm to design, prepare plans and bid the new bridge. Accompanying this letter is a copy of this advertisement. We will evaluate the proposals and select the best one with County Commission approval.

We anticipate the project taking 3-4 months to complete. We realize that is a long time for you, but we want to be sure that the replacement bridge is designed and built to last for another 30 years.

We ask for your patience as we work to fix this problem. We will provide an update of the project on the county website periodically (<a href="www.hamblencountytn.gov">www.hamblencountytn.gov</a>) - look for a link on the homepage titled "Warrensburg Road Bridge Update."

Sincerely,

Bill Brittain County Mayor Barry Poole

**Highway Superintendent** 

CC: Hamblen County Road Commission Hamblen County Commission

## Advertisement to Bid

## RE: STATEMENT OF INTEREST AND QUALIFICATIONS

The Hamblen County Highway Department is hereby requesting the professional services of an engineering firm to do the design, plan development, and public bid of a construction project involving two (2) abutments and a galvanized, pre-engineered, prefabricated steel beam bridge to span approximately 25-30 feet over a creek due to the failure of an existing box culvert.

## Submittals must be delivered to:

Hamblen County Highway Department 3373 Herbert Harville Drive, Morristown, TN 37813

> Deadline for consideration: 3:00 P.M., Wednesday July 8th, 2015. Publish Dates: 6/24/15, 6/26/15, 6/28/15