

Mark Beyea of Neel-Schaffer spoke with Dan Tolar, State Aid District Engineer for Madison County. The following items are the result of that discussion:

- County Board of Supervisors can request that funds from the County's State Aid account be used to reimburse the construction costs associated with relocating the City of Flora utility lines that are attached to the existing bridge on Cane Creek Road.
- There are no definitive limits, either physical or monetary, on the relocation of the utility lines. It would be prudent to present the proposed relocation cost estimate to State Aid before asking the Board to approve a formal request.
- State Aid does not need to review the plans for the relocation of the utility lines. The utilities need to be moved to locations that the engineer, in this case Neel-Schaffer, can certify that they are not in conflict with the proposed bridge replacement.
- State Aid will not issue any reimbursement for utility relocation costs until bids are accepted for the bridge replacement project.
- Construction services for relocation of the utility may be procured in any manner that complies with state bid laws and meets with the approval of the Board of Supervisors.
- Dan will check with the State Aid Engineer to determine whether engineering costs associated with design or construction of the utility relocations can be reimbursed using State Aid funds. This is not normally done.