

# Request for Board of Commissioners' Action

From: Faye Hughes, County Administrator Date: June 14, 2018

Subject: Request for funding of Nell Purvis Rd. Item Number: VIII-F

Commissioner Rowe and several other Commissioners have taken calls concerning the deterioration of Nell Purvis Rd. Commissioner Rowe has made contacts and has been instructed to request funding directly from the Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner, Russell R. McMurry, PE.

This road primarily accommodates agricultural and residential traffic, with over 3,300 semi-trucks per year, and over 300 automobiles per day (109,500 annually).

Resurfacing the 2.5 mile distance of Nell Purvis Road will cost in excess of \$330,000. The estimated LMIG allocation to Cook County over the past six (6) years has been approximately \$287,252. The County's 30% match of \$99,000 has been obligated to the \$1.6M 2018 LMIG projects approved already. Cook County request to the Georgia Department of Transportation is to consider funding for the full cost of resurfacing 2.5 miles of this critical rural county road that is in need of desperate repair.

The letter has been prepared for the request. Instructions were also given to copy this letter to Jason Shaw, Tim Golden, Ritchie Swindell, Kelvin Mullins and Shannon Bradford. Normally we also copy Representative Penny Houston with such business and will this request if approved by the Board.

Chair will need a motion authorizing her to endorse the letter to Commissioner McMurry requesting funding for resurfacing of Nell Purvis Rd.

Motion made by \_\_\_\_\_

Second made by \_\_\_\_\_

Any discussion: \_\_\_\_\_

Votes \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Motion carried/ failed

# Cook County Commissioners

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June 12, 2018

Mr. Russell R. McMurry, P.E., Commissioner  
Georgia Department of Transportation District 4: Tifton  
One Georgia Center  
600 West Peachtree Street, NW  
Atlanta, GA 30308

Re: CR 11- Nell Purvis Rd.

Dear Commissioner McMurry:

Please accept this letter as a request from Cook County for State Aid to fund resurfacing of one County Road: CR 11 – Nell Purvis Road from SR 37 to the intersection of CR 2 - McConnell Bridge Rd; the distance being approximately 2.5 miles.

This road primarily accommodates agricultural and residential traffic, with over 3,300 semi-trucks per year, and over 300 automobiles per day (109,500 annually). One of Cook County's largest agricultural companies, Pike Creek Turf, Inc., is located on this road.

Economically Pike Creek Turf, Inc. is a tremendous asset to Cook County and employs approximately 120 people. With a near \$3.3 million annual payroll, this business generates over \$18 million in annual sales.

Pike Creek Turf, Inc. ships grasses around the world including China, Vietnam, Dubai, Jordan, Egypt, India, Mexico, South America & Bahamas. They grow 16 varieties of grass with 10 of those varieties patented. Pike Creek produces approximately 2,200 acres of turf grass per year. They produce over twenty (20) acres of centipede seed per year. Pike Creek Turf, Inc. pays substantial Georgia and Federal income taxes. It is one of the largest, if not the largest, producer of golf turf grass in the world.

I am sure you can see the importance of having proper infrastructure for this company to use.

Resurfacing the 2.5 mile distance of Nell Purvis Road will cost in excess of \$330,000. The estimated LMIG allocation to Cook County over the past six (6) years has been approximately \$287,252. The County's 30% match of \$99,000 was previously obligated. Cook County requests the Georgia Department of Transportation consider funding the full cost of resurfacing 2.5 miles of this critical rural county road that is in need of desperate repair.

Should you need more information in order to process this request please feel free to contact the Chair, Debra Robinson or Faye Hughes, County Administrator at 229-896-2266, [cookgov@windstream.net](mailto:cookgov@windstream.net) or at the above address.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Debra Robinson, Chair

CC: Cook County Board of Commissioners

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Debra Robinson, Commissioner – District 1  
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Jeff Lane, Commissioner – District 3  
Audie Rowe, Commissioner – District 4  
Dwight E. Purvis, Commissioner – District 5

Mrs. Faye Hughes, County Administrator  
Mrs. Vicki S. Parrish, County Clerk  
Daniel Connell, County Attorney  
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