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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**NEWTON FALL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Portage County Board of Commissioners has awarded a contract for the replacement of the bridge structure on Newton Falls Road in Paris Township. The bridge is located just east of the intersection of Holcomb Road and Newton Falls Road over the West Branch of the Mahoning River. Portage County Engineer, Larry Jenkins, said that the Commissioners opened bids for the project in October of 2025 and construction will start in the beginning of July. The contract includes the installation of a new bridge structure, including minimal approach work matching in kind roadway conditions. Jenkins, said the Commissioners awarded the contract for this work to A.P. O'Horo Company out of Youngstown, Ohio, in the amount of \$1,179,000. Jenkins said that the County received six bids, and A.P. O'Horo came in under the engineer's estimate of \$1,283,336. The County Engineer's Office was successful in obtaining a Federal Grant that covers nearly 95% of the cost of the construction. The bridge and all roadway work is to be completed in the Fall of 2026. 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, in the Engineer's Office at 330-296-6411.

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