

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**JONES ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

The Portage County Board of Commissioners awarded a contract for the replacement of the bridge structure on Jones Road in Palmyra Township. The bridge is located just south of the intersection of Whippoorwill Road and Jones Road over Kale Creek. Portage County Engineer, Larry Jenkins, said that the Commissioners opened bids for the project in May of 2023 and construction will start in mid-March of 2024. The contract includes the installation of a new bridge structure, including minimal approach work matching in-kind the roadway conditions. Jenkins said the Commissioners awarded the contract for this work to Marucci & Gaffney Excavating out of Youngstown, Ohio, in the amount of \$751,250.00. Jenkins said that two bids were received, and Marucci & Gaffney came in just over the engineer's estimate of \$709,000.00. The County Engineer's Office was successful in obtaining a Federal Grant that covers nearly 100% of the cost of the construction. The bridge and all roadway work are to be completed by the end of June 2024. A detour for the closure will be posted in the field and on the County Engineer's website. Jenkins said the County has hired DLZ Consultants, Inc., to perform the construction contract administration and inspection. If there are any questions about the project, please contact Mike Collins, Project Manager or Bill Vermes, Bridge Engineer in the Engineer's Office at 330-296-6411.

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