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VILLAGE OF NORTH BALTIMORE, WOOD COUNTY, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 20- 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO FILE A PETITION WITH THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REGARDING THE EAGLEVILLE ROAD BRIDGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Eagleville Road Bridge spans Rocky Ford Creek within the Village of North Baltimore and serves as an important transportation link for residents, businesses, emergency services, school transportation, agricultural traffic, and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Village believes the Eagleville Road Bridge constitutes a necessary bridge located on an improved road of general and public utility pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02; and

WHEREAS, the Eagleville Road Bridge is identified by the United States Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation as County Highway Agency Structure No. 8740070, was constructed in 1928, and has received a Structural Evaluation Appraisal of 3 (Intolerable; High Priority Corrective Action), reflecting significant structural deficiencies requiring prompt attention; and

WHEREAS, the Village desires to petition the Wood County Board of County Commissioners to determine that the Eagleville Road Bridge is a necessary bridge located on an improved road of general and public utility and that responsibility for its repair, rehabilitation, or replacement rests with the County pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of North Baltimore, Ohio:

SECTION 1. The Petition attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference is hereby approved.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute and submit the Petition attached hereto as Exhibit A to the Wood County Board of County Commissioners on behalf of the Village.

SECTION 3. The Mayor, Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor, and other appropriate Village officials are authorized and directed to prepare, assemble, and submit any supporting documentation necessary to support the Village's position, including engineering reports, bridge inspection reports, traffic studies, correspondence, maps, photographs, and other relevant materials.

SECTION 4. The Mayor, Village Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Solicitor, and other appropriate Village officials are further authorized and directed to take any actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution, including appearing before the Wood County Board of County Commissioners, presenting evidence, and otherwise representing the Village's interests regarding the Eagleville Road Bridge.

SECTION 5. Council finds that immediate action is necessary to preserve the Village's rights under Ohio law and address the deteriorating condition of the Eagleville Road Bridge, which was constructed in 1928 and has received a Structural Evaluation Appraisal of 3 (Intolerable; High Priority Corrective Action). Therefore, this Resolution is declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare and shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

**EMERGENCY CLAUSE VOTE
YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSTAIN ____**

**VOTE ON FINAL ADOPTION
YEAS ____ NAYS ____ ABSTAIN ____**

ADOPTED AND EFFECTIVE this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Dee Hefner, President of Council

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

**Attest: _____
Mason Davis, Clerk of Council**

EXHIBIT A: Resolution 20-2026

PETITION TO THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RE: Eagleville Road Bridge – Request for Determination Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02

To the Honorable Members of the Wood County Board of County Commissioners: The Village of North Baltimore, Ohio, hereby petitions the Wood County Board of County Commissioners to determine that the Eagleville Road Bridge is a necessary bridge located on an improved road of general and public utility and to assume responsibility for its repair, rehabilitation, or replacement pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02.

In support of this Petition, the Village states as follows:

1. The Eagleville Road Bridge is located within the corporate limits of the Village of North Baltimore and carries Eagleville Road across Rocky Ford Creek.
2. Eagleville Road is a publicly maintained paved roadway and constitutes an improved road.
3. The Eagleville Road Bridge is necessary to maintain the continuity of Eagleville Road and provides a public crossing of Rocky Ford Creek serving residents, businesses, emergency services, school transportation, commercial traffic, and the traveling public.
4. Eagleville Road is an improved roadway of general and public utility that accommodates residential, commercial, agricultural, school, emergency, and freight traffic and provides a significant connection between Interstate 75, the Village's business district, industrial areas, and surrounding communities.
5. The Eagleville Road Bridge was constructed in 1928 and is identified by the United States Department of Transportation and the Ohio Department of Transportation as County Highway Agency Structure No. 8740070. The bridge has received a Structural Evaluation Appraisal rating of 3 (Intolerable; High Priority Corrective Action), indicating significant structural deficiencies that warrant prompt corrective action.
6. The continued availability of the Eagleville Road Bridge is important to the health, safety, and welfare of the public by providing an established transportation route for motorists, emergency responders, school transportation, local businesses, agricultural operations, and the traveling public.
7. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02, boards of county commissioners shall construct and keep in repair all necessary bridges located within municipal corporations on improved roads of general and public utility.
8. The Eagleville Road Bridge is a necessary bridge located on an improved road of general and public utility. Accordingly, the Village requests that the Board determine that Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02 requires the County to construct and keep the bridge in repair.

WHEREFORE, the Village of North Baltimore respectfully requests that the Wood County Board of County Commissioners:

A. Accept and consider this Petition;

B. Place this matter on a public meeting agenda for consideration and action;

C. Determine that the Eagleville Road Bridge is a necessary bridge located on an improved road of general and public utility pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02;

D. Determine that, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5591.02, Wood County is responsible for constructing and keeping the Eagleville Road Bridge in repair, including undertaking such repair, rehabilitation, or replacement as may be necessary; and

E. Take such further action as may be necessary to fulfill the County's statutory obligations.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

Date: _____

Aaron Patterson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mason Davis, Clerk of Council