



Adopting Design-Build Procurement Process for Covered Bridge Restoration Efforts in Kentucky



Craftsmen no longer around to repair covered bridges

Once a covered bridge is gone, it's gone.

"The craftsmen are no longer around, and the structural timber isn't readily available any more," according to L.S. "Stock" Bower, a third generation covered bridge builder from Flemingsburg. Bower, who has worked with the state of Ohio to keep its 165 covered bridges intact and repaired, would like to see the Kentucky structures restored and maintained.

Eldred W. Melton, executive director of the Kentucky Heritage Commission, said that preservationists across the state want Kentucky's covered bridges saved. "Covered bridges and the craft of building them will be lost soon if effort is not made to preserve the structures," she said. "The bridges are virtually neglected in Kentucky."

Bower's grandfather, Jacob Bower, built bridges in Pennsylvania and West Virginia before settling in Ohio. Three of his sons, including Louis, Stock Bower's father, became bridge builders also. After Louis moved to Kentucky to build bridges in Fleming County,

Stock was born. He is the last of the Bower bridge builders and is considered one of the few men in this country who can qualify as an expert in the reconstruction of wooden truss bridges.

Bower met with Mrs. Melton to estimate the costs for restoring Kentucky's 16 covered bridges. "There are two categories of covered bridges — those in use and those that aren't and never will be," said Bower. "The ones that aren't used would be restored for people to look at — most need roofing and some need siding. The ones that are in use need new floor systems and at least one needs an abutment."

The veteran bridge builder said the job of restoring the structures could be extended over a five-year period. "Three bridges could be done each year. All 16 of them could be put back in good condition for about a half million dollars — about \$75,000 each."

Bower said some of the bridges are in critical need of repair. "There's one left in Robertson County that my grandfather built in 1874. It's just about to go in the drink — it will never carry traffic anymore, but it can be saved.

The bridge is less than 100 feet from a state highway — two — span, about 100 feet long and across Johnson Creek. Both spans are in deplorable condition.

He said the second one repaired should be Cabin Creek Bridge — about 17 miles east of Maysville on Cabin Creek in Mason County. "The bridge has just been repaired but they did a horrible job . . . There are two good bridges in Greenup County in use, but both are desperately in need of reconstruction. One is the Bennett Hill Bridge and the other is the Old Town Bridge, which they are planning to retire," he said.

"There are three other bridges in Fleming County that are not in use and never will be," said Bower. "The Buffalo Trace Tourist Council, which promotes the bridges as a local feature in its tourism program may want to assume responsibility for the bridges in that area."

Mrs. Melton said, "If we can get some matching funds and find some county officials who will be responsible for restoring and maintaining them, we might have a chance to save them."



Traugott F. Keller Jr. - Photographed October 18, 1952

Hybrid Queenpost & Multiple Kingpost
1880 – builder unknown

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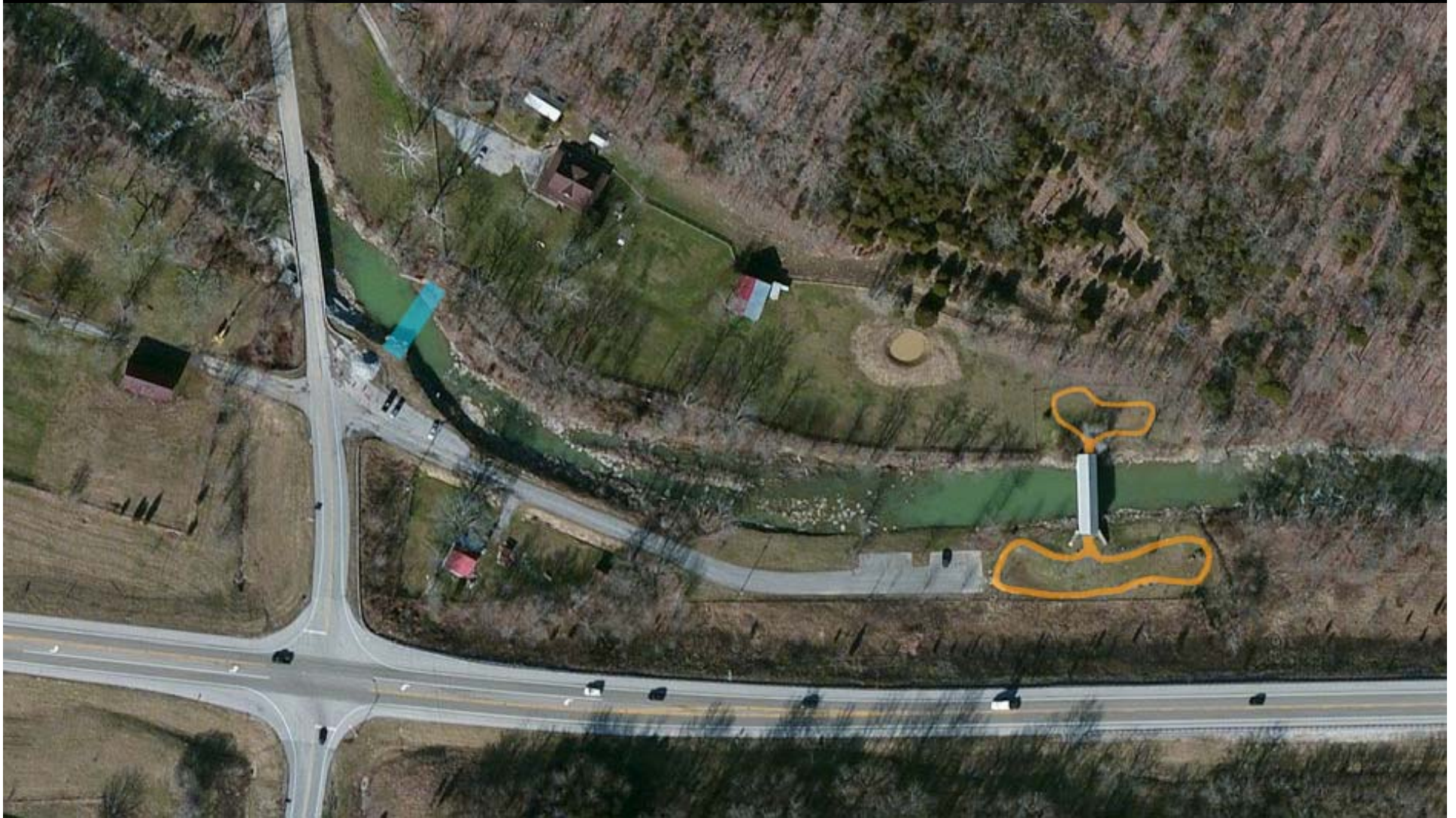
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MESSAGE: Re: Walcott Covered Bridge
Bracken Co Ky -

Gentlemen: We are getting all kinds of comments about our newly constructed Walcott covered bridge. Everything from reproductions to something you would find in Disney World.

Question: Is it or does it have any of the original lumber in it & what process has been done to preserve it.

We have a Chamber meeting tonight & I would appreciate anything you could fax me.

Thank You
Sherry Poe: President of The Bracken Co Chamber of Commerce.

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Town Lattice
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Bridge repair stirs despair

SOME IN FLEMING FEAR LANDMARK WILL BE CHANGED OR DAMAGED

By Greg Kocher
HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER
GODDARD

The restoration of an oft-photographed covered bridge here has residents worried that the cherished Fleming County icon won't be the same.

It's a classic case of "cruel to be kind." State transportation and historic preservation officials say that to preserve the Goddard White Covered Bridge, its timbers must be taken apart, trucked to Garrard County for closer inspection and restoration, and then reassembled at its spot just off Ky. 32 southeast of Flemingsburg.



But talk of taking apart the oldest remaining covered bridge in Kentucky still open to traffic makes Fleming County residents nervous.

After all, the county bills itself as the "Covered Bridge Capital of Kentucky," and its annual Covered Bridge Festival draws some 6,000 people each August.

"This covered bridge is not just a covered bridge. It's part of the family," said Mary Jo Litton, executive director of the Fleming County Chamber of Commerce.

Sharp questions

Last week about 200 people packed the Ward Elementary School gym to pose sharp questions to state officials and engineers about restoration plans.

Perhaps the greatest round of applause from the audience

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came when the grandson of the man who last restored the bridge in 1968 pleaded that the contractor take special care. Commonwealth's Attorney Stockton Wood, grandson of Louis Stockton "Stock" Bowers, likened the restoration process to surgery on his wife.

"I get really emotional about this," Wood said, "but for every timber that is replaced in this bridge, I'm going to cry. This is something that is gut-wrenching for us. We want you to save our family member."

State officials reassured residents that care will be taken with the bridge, which can be traced back to the 1820s. And they said the 60-foot span will be treated for insects and with fire retardant, and reassembled so that it will still frame a nearby Methodist Church when looking through its one-lane tunnel — a feature that has made the bridge popular with photographers.

"It will still have the same historic nature as it does now, and it will be here for generations to come," said Jim Runnige, chief district engineer for the state Department of Highways office in Flemingsburg.

State Sen. Walter Blevins, D-West Liberty, who attended the meeting, said afterward it is important that work is done on the bridge while the state has the money and "to make sure



JANET MOORE | STAFF FILE PHOTO

The Goddard White covered bridge in Fleming County is scheduled for restoration.

that it's here for the next 50 to 100 years."

Signs of damage

Without the restoration work, the bridge is in danger of eventually deteriorating to the point that it would collapse. Some timbers already show signs of rot or damage from wood-boring beetles and will have to be replaced. One engineer estimates that 30 to 35 percent of the wood in the bridge must be replaced, but cautioned that the percentage could go higher after the bridge is taken apart to expose parts that can't be seen now.

And that's what concerns many Fleming residents who report seeing so many timbers replaced in other covered bridges that their familiar appearance is changed.

Any wood that cannot be replaced will be returned to Fleming County, said Patrick Kennedy of the Kentucky Heritage Council, the state historic

preservation office.

"They will do everything possible to keep the original timbers in there," Kennedy said.

The restoration is part of a state program begun in 1996 to shore up the 13 remaining covered bridges in Kentucky. Other covered bridges that have already been restored include the Switzer Covered Bridge in Franklin County, the Walcott Bridge in Bracken County, the Oldtown Bridge in Greenup County, and the Colville Bridge in Bourbon County.

Intech Contracting Inc., the Lancaster company that has the \$204,419 contract to restore the Goddard Bridge, is currently restoring the Bennett's Mill Bridge in Greenup County.

Many bridges lost

At one time there were more than 400 covered bridges in Kentucky, but many were lost to the Civil War, floods and fire. Fleming Countians are still heartbroken over the loss of the

Sherburne Bridge, a 260-foot span across the Licking River that was destroyed by fire in April 1981.

Fleming County has two other covered bridges that also will be restored, but Goddard is probably the most recognized. A Chevrolet commercial was filmed there in 1986, as was a Kentucky tourism commercial. Hundreds of schoolchildren have carved their initials into the crisscrossing wood that supports the bridge.

Goddard White Bridge — a misnomer because the bridge isn't white but has gray-weathered wood siding — is the only one left in Kentucky that has the New England-born town lattice truss design. The lattice design — diagonal strips overlaid to create diamond shapes throughout — can still be seen inside the structure.

Intech has agreed not to dismantle the Goddard Bridge until after August's Covered Bridge Festival, and to reassem-

ble it before the 2004 festival. John Crace, field superintendent for Intech, has already invited a Fleming County delegation to come down to the Lancaster shop and see the restoration in progress.

Runnige, the Department of Highways chief district engineer, said public meetings similar to the one last week will be held before work begins on Fleming's two other bridges, the George City Covered Bridge and King's Mill Covered Bridge. Contracts on those bridges will be awarded later this year.

At least one person said he was reassured by what he heard at the Goddard public meeting. Johnny Jett, who restores log cabins, said he felt better after hearing about the expertise of the contractor.

"I was against the whole thing to start with, but coming to the meeting made me feel at ease," Jett said. "Thirty-five percent of reconstruction is not that bad. I think they'll do a good job."

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Guest
Columnist

Battle brewing over bridge

The battle of the bridges in Fleming County could get even more heated.

The state is going to dismantle, remove, renovate, and rebuild the covered bridges at Goddard, Grange City, and Ringos Mill, whether they need it or not, and those of us who've seen the results of other similar projects are rightfully scared of what we'll get back.

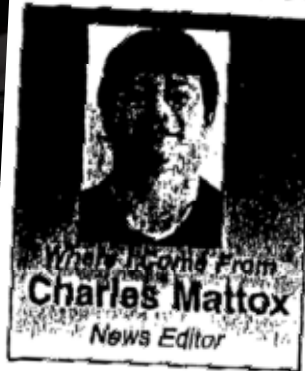
To get an idea, just drive the AA highway from Maysville north, and keep an

eye out for what appears to be a mobile home stretched across a creekbed. That was an authentic, original covered bridge before it was removed, re-covered and replaced upstream from its original location.

The "White" bridge at Goddard is one-of-a-kind, the only survivor of its style, and it's still open to traffic. It's also the centerpiece of the annual Fleming County Covered Bridge Festival that draws upwards of 6,000 people in one day, and it's one of the most photographed sites (or sights) in Kentucky.

Lots of us crossed the bridge twice a day to attend the old Goddard School, a

Kiss the Goddard Covered Bridge goodbye



Charles Mattox
News Editor

They say those can be triggered by a million things. I had a really good, clear one the other day.

It was while I rubbed my hand across one of the old Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge timbers last week while I toured the Intech bridge renovation facility in Lancaster.

Those Intech fellows were awarded the \$204,000 contract to disassemble, renovate and replace over thirty percent (due to noticeable decay upon inspection six years ago) of the Goddard Covered Bridge at the end of this summer.

I haven't heard the exact figure, but it's my understanding they are getting a pretty penny for the work they are currently engaged in with the Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge of Greenup County.

The folks on the inside at Intech say that they will find significant other deterioration once the Goddard Covered Bridge is disassembled.

It's my understanding that Stock Bower did some serious disassembly on the all the covered bridges in our county several times in the past 80 years and his father and grandfather did the same 100 years before that.

But the Bowers never disassembled them completely, loaded up every piece of wood and hauled it all to Lancaster. They did everything on site.

kept talking about the Intech "WORKSHOP" where the work would be done on the bridge.

I saw the "workshop" where the Bennett's Mills Bridge was being worked on.

I'm not saying that will be the same "workshop" that will house the Goddard Covered Bridge but I can tell you this much.

We call those identical name "workshops" "gravel parking lots" here in Fleming County.

That's where the timbers of the Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge were laying.

In the gravel parking lot across from a shed, with nothing but the sweet whistle of the local blue birds between their weathered surfaces and the cruel bite of mother nature's wet and icy kiss.

I know what I'm talking about on this one folks 'cause I seen it with my own two eyes.

Oh, yeah, that reminds me, my vision, I mentioned earlier.

I almost forgot. When I rubbed my hand across the smooth, ancient timbers of the Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge, there in that lonely Lancaster parking lot, I flashed on the bitter facial expression of Confederate Cavalry General, I'm not sure but it could have been General John Hunt Morgan as he rode through the bridge, retreating from one of his raids at the conclusion of the Civil War.

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Covered bridge controversy continues

By Charles Mattox
News Editor

Controversy continues with the Goddard Covered Bridge restoration project.

The \$204,000 Goddard Covered Bridge renovation contract was awarded to Intech Company earlier this year. They have scheduled the disassembly of the bridge for late August, after the annual covered bridge festival. They will then move the disassembled bridge to their Lancaster facility by late September, where inspectors say at least thirty percent of the historic structure will be replaced.

At least thirty percent.

The damage identified during the bridge inspection process six years ago indicated thirty percent of the bridge would have to be replaced.

"That's going to be just the tip of the iceberg," Intech supervisor John Crace said last week. "We'll find a lot more damage once we get the Goddard Bridge disassembled."

Representatives of the Fleming County Tourism Committee, Buffalo Trace Covered Bridge Association, Jim Rummage, chief engineer for District 9 Department of Transportation, along with Patrick Kennedy and Becky Proctor of the Kentucky Heritage Council and others toured Intech's Lancaster facility last week.

Greenup County's Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge was on site at the Intech facility, undergoing the renovation process.

Everyone on the tour expressed gratitude to Intech for keeping the lines of communication open but more than one who took the tour of Intech facilities later expressed concern over what they saw.

They saw the timbers of the Bennett's Mills Covered Bridge laying exposed to the elements in a parking lot.

"I thought it would at least be inside, you know, under a roof," said Fleming Countian, Steve Donovan.

Donovan and Fleming County Tourism Committee members Marsha McCartney and Mary Jo Litten gave a report of the Intech tour to Fleming County Judge Executive Larry Foxworthy and State Representative Mike Denham Monday morning.

"The majority of Fleming Countians I have spoke to do not want the Goddard Covered Bridge moved off site," Foxworthy told Denham during that meeting.

Denham quickly set up a meeting with Rummage, Foxworthy, himself and Senator Walter Blevins for Monday afternoon to address the additional concerns the community has over the Goddard Covered Bridge renovation project and attempt to rectify the situation, "to every-

one's satisfaction," he said.

"The bridge project is a priority with me," Denham explained.

According to Foxworthy, that meeting went well.

"I'd say it went pretty well," he said. "Getting Intech to do what they can on site will be a big step for Fleming County. It looks like we are making progress on getting that accomplished."

Other covered bridge renovation projects have raised serious concerns in the region.

Especially the Walcott Covered Bridge of Bracken County.

"I'll chain myself to the Goddard Bridge before I let them do what they did at Walcott," Donovan said matter-of-factly during the meeting with Foxworthy and Denham. "Walcott is not the bridge it once was. Now it's a brand new bridge."

Others at the meeting and on the earlier Intech tour echoed Donovan's concerns over the possibility of the Goddard Covered Bridge losing its historical integrity.

"The carvings on the bridge's interior are very important to the community and will not be considered graffiti as some had thought earlier," Patrick Kennedy, restoration project manager with the Kentucky Heritage Council, said the day after the trip. "Those carvings

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Ringos Mills Bridge

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September marks the date for bridge dismantling work

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By Charles Mattox
News Editor

Surgery on the symbol and very heart of Fleming County is scheduled for this September.

That will be when workers with Intech Contractors of Berea begin dismantling the Goddard Covered Bridge.

The entire wooden structure will be removed from its present location above Sand Lick Creek on Ky. 33, loaded onto several tractor trailers and transported to Intech's work shop where at least thirty percent of the material currently making up the bridge will be replaced.

At least thirty percent. Perhaps much more.

"We will find more deterioration when the bridge is taken apart," project engineer Danny Woods told a crowd of approximately two hundred concerned citizens who packed Ward Elementary School gymnasium April 22 to receive information on the project. "Our inspection [to determine the percent of material to replace] was six years ago."

"The bridge will have the same historic character," Jim Rummage, state highway chief engineer for District 9, said at one point, trying to calm and reassure the restless crowd.

The crowd responded as one entity, with a loud, disapproving groan.

Rummage and Woods were joined by Patrick Kennedy, restoration project manager

with the Kentucky Heritage Council, Mike Hill, who assisted with funding for the project as a member of the Frankfort central office division of the Multimodal program within the transportation cabinet, and John Grace, Intech representative. The men explained all aspects of the project, fielded questions from the crowd and listened to the concerns of those present.

Stockton Wood, whose grandfather, Stockton "Stock" Bower, did much restoration work on the covered bridges of Fleming County and who last worked on the Goddard White Covered Bridge in 1968, received thunderous applause from the crowd around him when he

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We don't want another Walcott!

"This is not the real bridge."

That simple phrase, written inside the Walcott Covered Bridge in Bracken County, perhaps best describes the dilemma Fleming County faces as the state undertakes the restoration of the Goddard Covered Bridge.

The proposed restoration is part of the state's efforts to preserve the 13 remaining covered bridges in the commonwealth.

In 1999, the 175-year-old Walcott bridge was removed from its pillars and carted off to Lexington where county residents believed it would be dismantled, restored, rebuilt and returned to a spot crossing Locust Creek near its original location. More than three years later, a bridge was returned to the county and reconstructed near the former site of the Walcott bridge. Unfortunately, as the writer of the phrase noted, it wasn't the restored bridge Bracken Countilians were expecting and believed they had been promised by the state. What they received instead was a replica, a reproduction of the Walcott bridge, one which state officials said contained little wood from the bridge which was taken down. The bridge may be pretty, but it is definitely not the real bridge.

Now, Fleming County's picturesque 1820s Goddard bridge has been targeted by the state Transportation Cabinet for restoration and area residents are understandably nervous over the prospect, considering the end result in Bracken County.

As the home to three of the unique bridges, Fleming County has been designated as the Covered Bridge Capital of Kentucky. The Goddard bridge, where the span's opening frames a small country church, is also one of the state's most photographed covered bridges. Historians and tourism officials agree the covered bridges are invaluable to the county but they are not convinced the restoration project is the best way to protect the historic structures.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7 p.m. today at Ward Elementary School to review and discuss plans for the Goddard bridge. Those interested in protecting the bridges are hoping the meeting attracts a large turnout of residents to demand the state gives Fleming County assurances Bracken County did not receive.

We urge anyone interested to attend the meeting and help make sure

Concern revives covered bridge authority

By DANETTA BARKER - Staff Writer

FLEMINGSBURG - The battle of the bridge has taken another twist with the resurrection of the Buffalo Trace Covered Bridge Authority.

State Rep. Mike Denham is reviving the authority to help the communities he serves find a way to preserve the covered bridges which span the creeks and streams of Bracken, Fleming and Mason counties.

"I feel this authority is very critical to this region," Denham said. "I want this to be ongoing. We need to treat these bridges with tender loving care to last for our children and their children."

The controversy over the restoration of the Goddard White Covered Bridge in Fleming County spurred Denham to act. The bridge is set to come down after the Covered Bridge Festival Aug. 23. Residents want the bridge to be restored on-site, not taken down and moved to Lancaster where the contractor, Intech, has facilities. Denham and the newly formed committee are working to see that the community and the Transportation Cabinet are both satisfied with the results of restoration.

One of the first appointees is Stephen Donovan, a resident of Fleming County who served on the original Covered Bridge Authority.

"The authority had been around for years," Donovan said. "But fell apart in 1995 or 96. There wasn't a tremendous amount of concern about bridges then, now there is."

Donovan said the group met a few times to discuss the restoration of the Goddard Bridge. After the recent trip to Lancaster to see how restoration is done, Donovan felt measures could be taken to maintain the rustic charm of the bridge while preserving it for future generations.

"I still think that restoring the bridge on-site is one answer to keeping the integrity of the bridge," Donovan said. "Using as many of the original boards as possible is another answer."

"We want to make everybody a winner in this situation," Donovan said. "We may not know how to do that right now but we are trying to find a way."

Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Director Mary Jo Litton

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Goddard Bridge project entering critical phase

FG By Charles Mattox
News Editor

"We will make critical decisions over the next few weeks which will determine how we conduct the renovation projects on Fleming

County's three covered bridges," State Representative Mike Denham told a crowd of approximately 75 concerned Fleming Countians who had gathered at Hillsboro Elementary School Aug. 5.

The crowd listened to cur-

rent proposals regarding Kentucky Department of Transportation (DOT) projects which are designed to "preserve" the county's covered bridges. The project scheduled to "preserve" the Goddard Covered Bridge is slated to begin Aug. 24 when Intech employees will begin disassembly of the bridge. Intech was awarded the \$204,000 DOT bridge renovation contract. The contracts for restoration/renovation work to the Ringos Mills and Grange City covered bridges have not yet been awarded but soon will be. Federal funding has been made available to Kentucky DOT to help preserve the state's covered bridges.

Nationally-recognized covered bridge authority Phil Pierce of Vermont recently inspected the Goddard Covered Bridge and informed an ad hoc committee of bridge sup-

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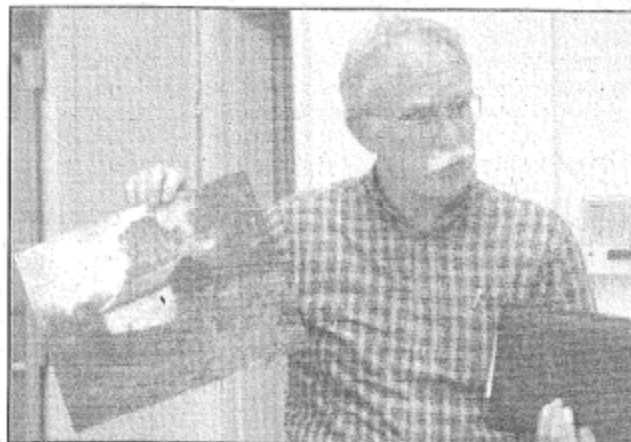


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Patrick Kennedy, restoration project manager with the Kentucky Heritage Council, continues to research Fleming County covered bridges.



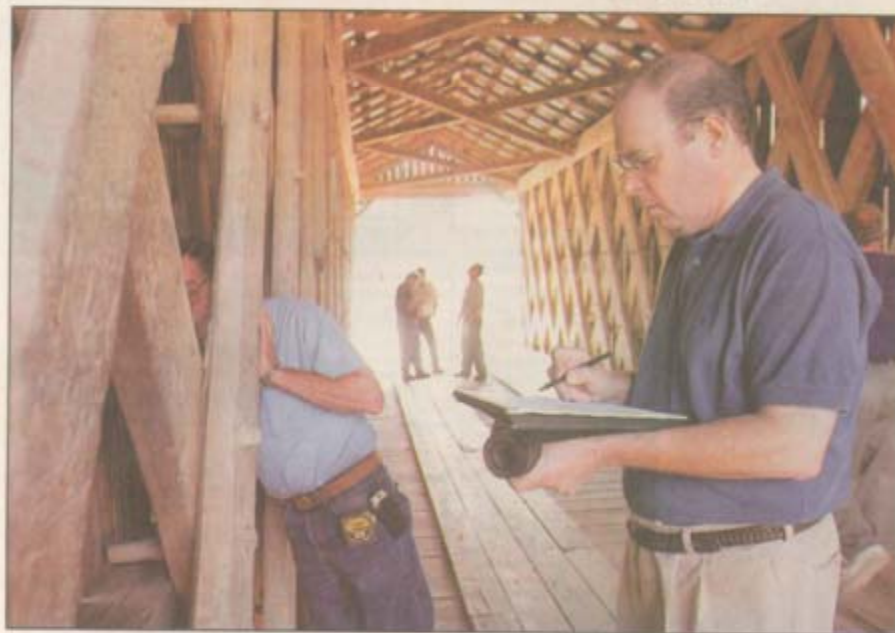
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David Fischetti, right, a structural engineer from Cary, N.C., and Arnold Graton of Ashland, N.H., checked the Goddard White bridge yesterday.

On-site renovation may be option

RESTORATION OF SPAN
AT GODDARD 'AN EASY
ONE TO DO IN PLACE'

By Greg Kocher

HERALD-LEADER STAFF WRITER

GODDARD — They may not have to move Goddard White Bridge after all.

State officials had planned to shore up the wooden covered bridge — favored by photographers for the way its one-lane tunnel frames a nearby Methodist church — by having a contractor take it apart, truck



Covered-bridge enthusiasts and preservationists heard Fischetti answer questions about the timbers of the bridge in Fleming County. Northwest said such work on "season"

problems are," Graton said while standing inside the 60-foot span.

This month, Graton, Andrews and David Fischetti of Cary, N.C., will make recommendations on restoration to the state Transportation Cabinet and the Buffalo Trace Covered Bridge Authority. The recently re-established five-member board is charged with the preservation, restoration and maintenance of covered wooden bridges in Fleming, Lewis, Erankin, Mason and Robertson counties.

Local residents were pleased to hear there is an alternative to dismantling the

Procter sentencing rescheduled

Doctor still in U.S.
after trying to leave

COMPANION RELEASED AT

By Lee Mueller

EASTERN KENTUCKY BUREAU

ASHLAND — As expected, Dr. David Herbert Procter wasn't in U.S. District Court yesterday for his scheduled sentencing hearing, which produced more questions than answers.

Procter, 52, of South Shore, who pleaded guilty on April 28 to federal drug-trafficking charges, was arrested Friday by U.S. Customs officials in Detroit while crossing the border into Canada in an apparent attempt to flee to the Cayman Islands.

Procter, who agreed in court that his medical clinic at South Shore was a pill mill, faced a maximum prison sentence of up to 12 years and seven months and a \$250,000 fine.

U.S. Marshal Lonnie Napier said Procter is being held by immigration officials and told Judge Henry Wilhoit yesterday that his agency will try to fly Procter back to Kentucky on Thursday. If not, it may take another two weeks to transport him, Napier said.

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Splendid Little War

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"If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be." —Thomas Jefferson, 1816

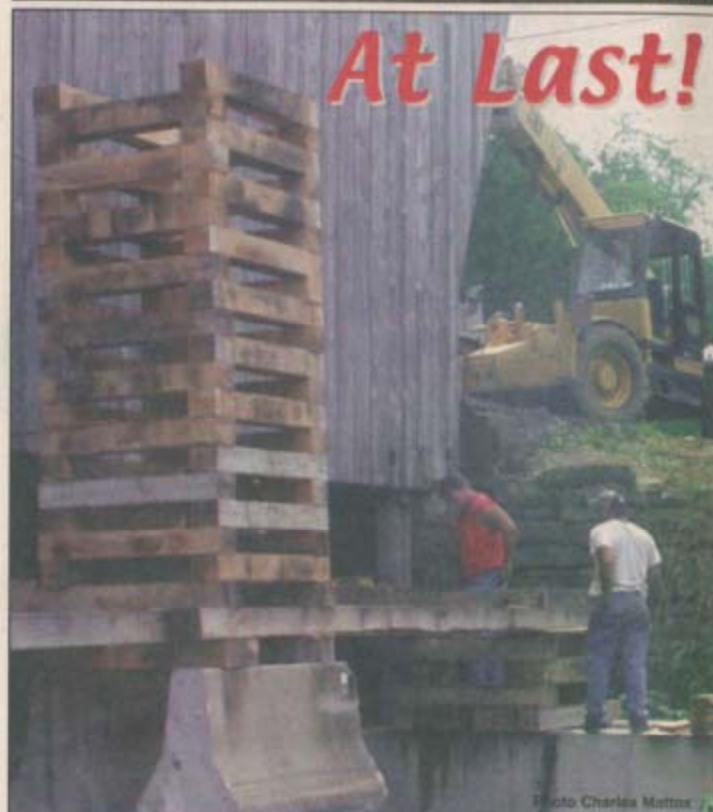


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John Crace, red shirt, inspects cribbing beneath the bridge last week.

Goddard Bridge work finally under way

By Charles Mattox
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bridge off the stone abutments." Phil Mauney said will be made to the wooden material most adversely

Board adopts drug testing policy for Fleming County school system

By Charles Mattox
Staff Writer

The Fleming County School board has adopted an aggressive, pro-active policy to combat student drug use.

The second reading of the student drug testing policy was held during the school board's July 6 meeting and will become policy for the coming school year. The policy will implement random, monthly drug testing for student drivers and those who participate in academic and athletic extracurricular activities.

"This is a good policy," school board chairman Wayne Lewis said. "It's been well thought out. It looks good to me. No one wants to violate any student's rights, and this policy doesn't do that. Everyone wants to protect our students and make our students and staff as safe as possible. This pol-



School Superintendent Kelley Crain and School Board Chairman Wayne Lewis go over the details of the new drug-testing policy.

icy will help us do this."

According to Fleming County Schools Superintendent Kelly Crain, the process of creating the policy has been in the works for over a year.

"We've been in contact with other schools who have adopted similar policies," Crain said. "We've had lengthy discussion with faculty, staff, parents and site

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New dress code adopted for schools

By Charles Mattox
Staff Writer

Students will be showing less skin this year at Fleming County Schools due to a new dress code policy which has been enacted by the Fleming County

Fleming County Schools Kelly Crain said. "Sleeves must extend beyond the hem. The length of shorts will be extended and no student's skin will be allowed to show. The students' backs must be covered, and there will be no

slogans or phrases will be worn."

Crain said the change in dress code policy changes each year as part of the attendance policies implemented by the school board.



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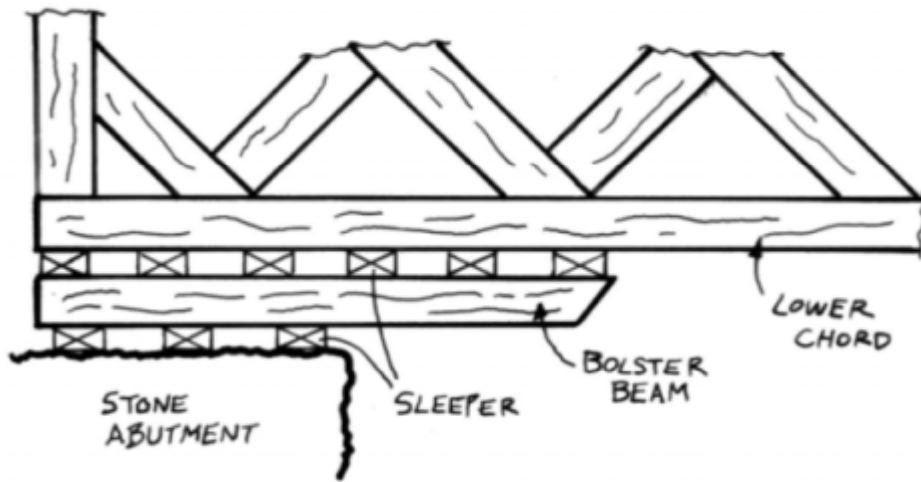
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Estimates put Goddard Bridge restoration costs at \$1 million

FG By Charles Mattox
Staff Writer

Authorities say the Goddard Covered Bridge will look like a million bucks when the renovation project is completed. They also say that's about what the final cost will be for renovating the historic structure.

"The final and total cost will be about a million dollars," Transportation Cabinet Project Manager Phil Mauney said last week. "There have been several change orders to the project since the original bid letting. Those changes are the reason for the increase in project cost."

Two years ago the Transportation Cabinet accepted a bid from Intech Contractors for slightly over \$200,000. Soon thereafter, public concern for the preservation of historic material in the bridge, particularly the graffiti-covered diagonal timbers of the Towne lattice design, led Transportation Cabinet officials to seek input from national authorities while striving to accommodate public wishes.

"Comments from the public indicate the desired change orders, and the costs associated with those change orders will be well worth it," Mauney said of

during the last renovation project 40 years ago. The new diagonal sistered members will be located next to the existing diagonal timbers and will be approximately chest high. They will connect to the bottom chord of the bridge. They will alleviate structural stress on the original timbers. The new material will be stained and will look like the older timbers. The concept for this addition was recommended by Arnold Graton and David Fischetti."

Graton and Fischetti, two nationally recognized authorities in the field of covered-bridge construction and preservation, joined the renovation team at the request of the Covered Bridge Authority and other public interest groups.

Mauney said each phase of the change orders goes through a specific process which must be approved by Transportation Cabinet officials, the Covered Bridge Authority, the Kentucky Heritage Council and public interest groups.

According to Mauney, the interior-roof design of the bridge has been changed to match the original design. More of the floor and sub-floor material will be also be replaced than was original-

Creek Covered Bridge. Those projects may be the Goddard project.

"The Goddard Covered Bridge project is set for completion in 2006," Mauney said. Grange City Covered Bridge and the Ring Covered Bridge are for renovation at Cabin Creek and Cabin Creek covered bridge.

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Bridge to New Ground

How Kentucky Paved a Better Way to Fix Covered Bridges

By Stephanie Smith | *Online Only* | Sept. 8, 2006



After the restoration of Goddard Bridge, Kentucky passed new laws for the rehabilitation of covered bridges. Only 880 remain in the country.

Credit: Steven Donovan

To the strains of "My Old Kentucky Home," last month residents of Fleming County, Ky., took their first close-up look at their Civil War-era covered bridge when it officially reopened after a \$1 million rehabilitation. As locals and state officials walked across Goddard Bridge, perhaps the state's most photogenic bridge, they saw little—if anything—new, and they wouldn't have it any other way.

The covered bridge had received a new tin roof, flooring, and stone abutments. But rather than replacing any timbers, workers "sistered" many of the boards in the truss system, adding new wood to support the old. In some places, new wood had been treated to look weathered, protecting the old look of the bridge. "People wanted to see what they remember," says Patrick Kennedy, state restoration project manager.



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John Hultgren, Louisville, Kentucky - Photographed 2003

Smith Type IV with auxiliary laminated arch
1882 – Jacob Bower

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Multiple Kingpost with auxiliary laminated arch
1867/1875 – William Henderson

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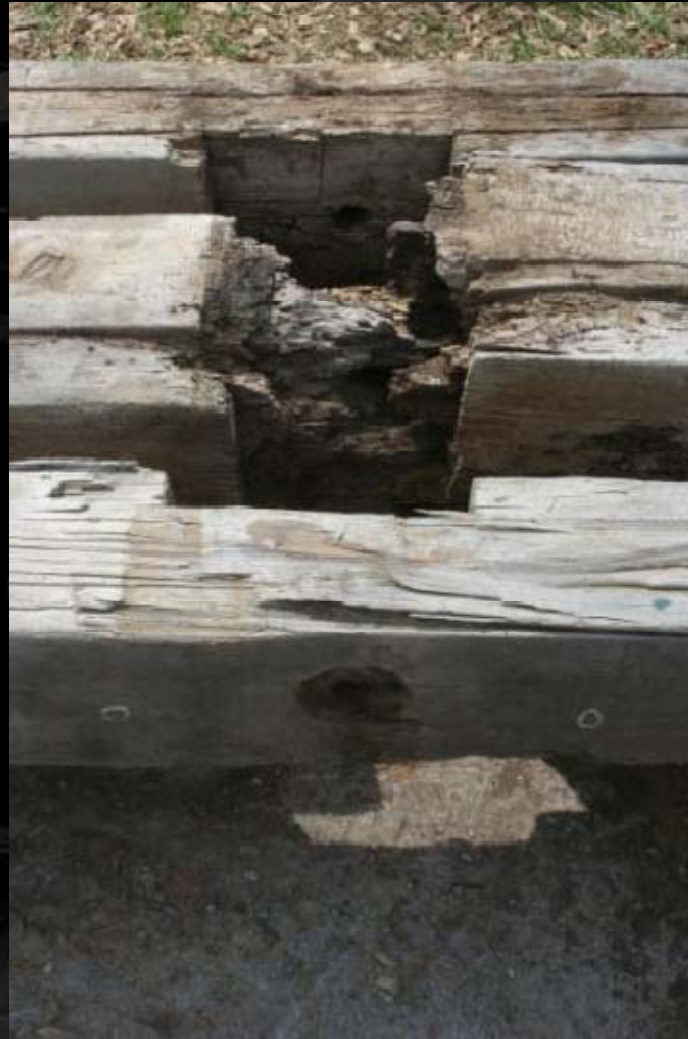


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Cabin Creek Covered Bridge, photographed 1951
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