

RESOLUTION NO. 2015- 10

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
THE NW CARLSON ROAD (WILLARD) BRIDGE OVER THE KANSAS RIVER**

Sponsored by Commissioner WILLIAM ELMER

WHEREAS, the NW Carlson Road (Willard) Bridge over the Kansas River (BSN 130) serves as a vital transportation link between Interstate 70 and U.S. Highway 24 for the citizens of Shawnee, Wabaunsee, Pottawatomie and Jackson Counties and currently carries 2,500-3,000 vehicles per day; and

WHEREAS, the bridge was originally constructed in 1955 and is a fracture critical "pin and hanger" design, a very similar design as the I-35W Bridge over the Mississippi River in Minneapolis, Minnesota that collapsed in 2007; and

WHEREAS, a recent inspection done on the bridge indicated that its sufficiency rating had fallen from 50.7 to 23.7 out of a scale of 100 in the past year, essentially limiting use of the bridge to passenger vehicles only; and

WHEREAS, the shortest detour route for the bridge is 22 miles, causing significant hardship to the local school district, businesses and area residents; and

WHEREAS, current estimates are that approximately \$24.5 Million is needed to replace the bridge, with a significant amount of the funding having already been pledged by Shawnee County; and

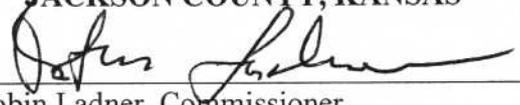
WHEREAS, federal and/or state funding is needed to assist in commencing with the replacement of this economically vital bridge; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of the County of Jackson, Kansas, meeting in regular session this 2 day of March, 2015, does hereby resolve as follows.

1. The Board supports the replacement of the NW Carlson Road (Willard) Bridge over the Kansas River.

2. The Board asks the U.S. Congress and/or the Kansas State Legislature to provide funding to assist Shawnee County in commencing with the replacement of the NW Carlson Road (Willard) Bridge over the Kansas River.

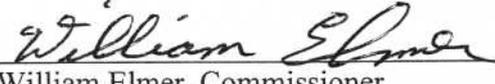
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
JACKSON COUNTY, KANSAS



Robin Ladner, Commissioner



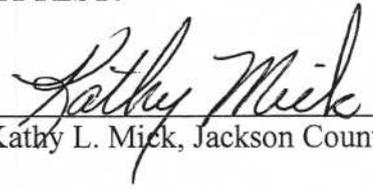
Janet Zwonitzer, Commissioner



William Elmer, Commissioner



ATTEST:



Kathy L. Mick, Jackson County Clerk