

**JACOB THORIUS, P.E.**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
ENGINEER**

DAVID PATTERSON, Asst Co. Engr.  
JEREMY McLAUGHLIN, Engr. Tech.  
KELLY FARRIER, Engr. Tech.  
DENNIS MURRAY, Engr. Aide  
KATHY DOLAN, Ofc. Mgr.

McCreedy Building  
210 West Main Street, Suite 2  
Washington, IA 52353-1723

Phone (319) 653-7731  
Fax (319) 653-7730  
[engineer@co.washington.ia.us](mailto:engineer@co.washington.ia.us)  
[www.washingtonroads.org](http://www.washingtonroads.org)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

JACK SEWARD JR., District 1  
BOB YODER, District 2  
MARCUS FEDLER, District 3  
STAN STOOPS, District 4  
RICHARD YOUNG, District 5

**PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 6, 2021

**Bridge Replacement Work to Begin on Elm Avenue NW of Wellman**

The Washington County Engineer's Office has begun work to prepare for the removal of the bridge on Elm Avenue north of 120<sup>th</sup> Street and then to replace it with a new bridge deck and driving surface. On Monday, July 12, 2021, the existing bridge deck will be removed by county forces, with the assistance of a local crane contractor. After the deck is removed, work will be done to armor and protect the existing abutments and they will also be prepared for a new 26'x24' Steel Bridge from TrueNorth Steel. On Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, county forces will work with the crane operator to place the new bridge, which will come in three pieces, and then place a new granular driving surface. Finish work will continue the rest of the week, but at this time it is planned to open the bridge to local traffic the evening of Tuesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting.

During the bridge replacement work, the road will be closed while county forces work to install the first of these bridge types in Washington County. County Engineer Jacob Thorius said "This is not a typical project for us, but we are excited to try something new and find a way to get a bridge replaced quickly." Thorius went on to note, this fabricated steel bridge is an option in this location because the existing abutments/superstructure are still in good shape and the length of the structure is appropriate. Questions should be directed to the Washington County Engineer's Office at (319) 653-7731.

###