

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-07

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF  
SEVIER COUNTY  
TO PARTNER WITH THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:**

**De Queen Lake Road RR Signals Upgrade (Sevier County)  
Railway-Highway Crossing Improvement**

**WHEREAS,** The Railway-Highway Crossings Program (RHCP) provides funds for the elimination of hazards at railway-highway crossings; and

**WHEREAS,** the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) has identified the Kansas City Southern Railroad crossing at De Queen Lake Road in Sevier County to be a candidate to receive RHCP funding based upon its hazard rating as compared to similar railway-highway crossings throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS,** an on-site diagnostic meeting was conducted on July 22, 2021 and identified needed safety improvements; and

**WHEREAS,** the Federal Highway Administration limits the Federal share of funding for RHCP projects to 90 percent of the total project cost, thus necessitating a 10 percent share provided by the local roadway authority; and

**WHEREAS,** the Department requests that the roadway authority indicates its willingness to provide the required matching funds in order to obtain Arkansas Highway Commission authorization to program a Federal-aid project.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY SEVIER COUNTY THAT:**

**SECTION I:** Sevier County will participate in accordance with its designated responsibilities in this project.

**SECTION II:** The County Judge or their designated representative is hereby authorized and directed to execute all appropriate agreements and contracts necessary to expedite the development and construction of the project.

**SECTION III:** Sevier County indicates its willingness to proceed with the project and hereby proposes that the Department initiate action to implement these improvements.

**THIS RESOLUTION** adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021.

  
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Greg Ray  
Sevier County Judge

**ATTEST:** Deborah K. Akin  
(SEAL)