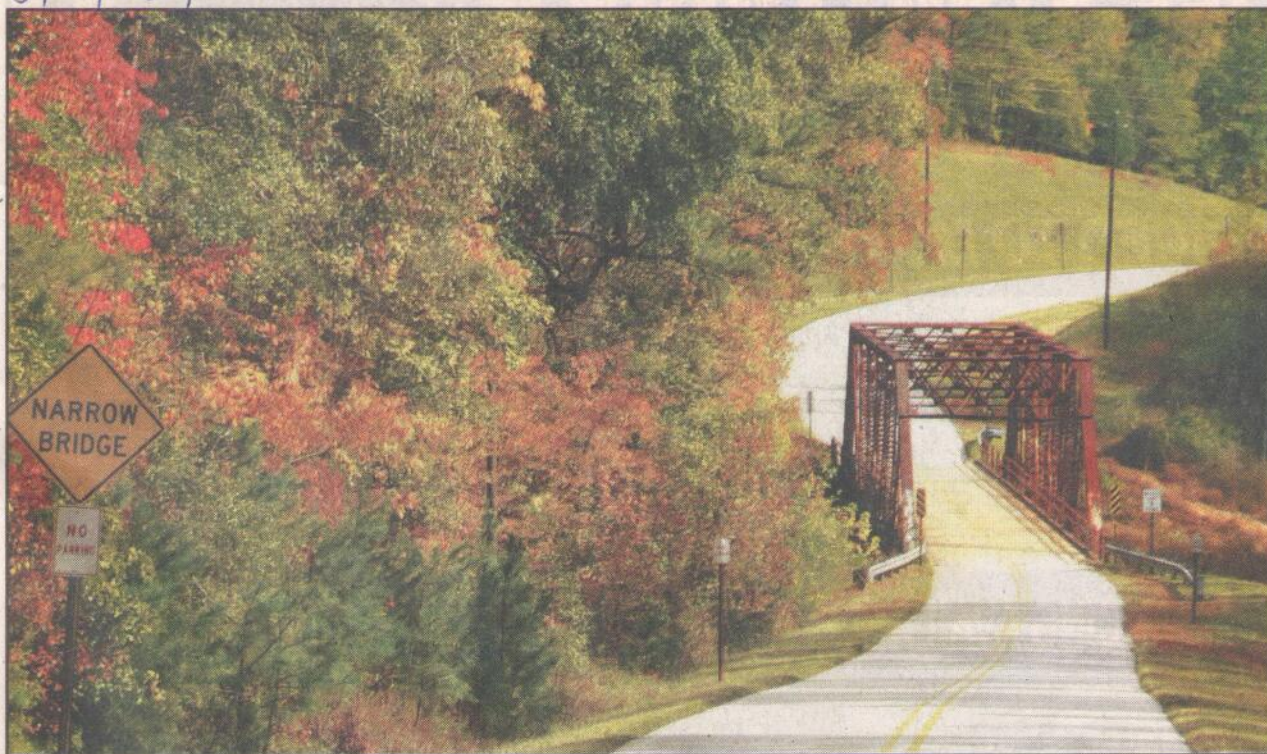


# Commissioners To Vote On Salem Bridge Project On Tuesday

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The Troup County Commissioners will decide the final fate of the Salem Road

Bridge at their meeting on Tuesday.

The situation was discussed during Wednesday morning's work session.

The bridge, an area landmark since it was built in 1929, was deemed unsafe several months ago by the Georgia Department of

Transportation and closed. Since that time a number of options have been explored ranging from moving

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the bridge intact to another location to dismantling it and placing it in storage to simply dismantling the bridge totally.

The county has received five bids for the destruction of the present bridge and the building of a new one.

Southwest Builders submitted a bid of \$2.8 million, Rogers Bridges \$1.9 million, E.R. Snell \$1.75 million, Sunbelt \$1.6 million and Southeastern Site Development \$1.4 million.

Southeastern Site's bid was the obvious low bid and the one that was recommended to the Commissioners for acceptance by County Engineer James Emery.

In addition to the \$1.4 million, the alternative bid for the dismantling, transportation and storage of the existing truss structure was an additional \$192,000.

All the bidders were asked

to submit alternative bids in addition to their first bids.

In other business, the Commissioners discussed revising the alcohol ordinance to allow businesses in unincorporated Troup County to remain open until midnight for the purposes of selling alcohol on their premises and for package sales.

The former ordinance mandated an 11:45 p.m. time for the cessation of sales, but the change was discussed in light of the unincorporated areas of Troup County approving the Sunday sale of alcohol in the last election.

The Commissioners were asked to approve lifting the hiring freeze so the Parks and Recreation Department could hire a parks maintenance worker. The job is a budgeted item and pays \$9.63 an hour.

The Commissioners dis-

cussed two grants, one to the DUI Drug Court and one to the Adult Drug Court.

The DUI Drug Court grant is from the Administrative Office of Courts for \$82,367 requiring a 10 percent match to be provided through DATE funds.

The Felony Adult Drug grant from the AOC requires a matching \$22,045 which would also be provided through DATE funds.

The Commissioners discussed the 2013 CHIP policies and procedures.

A grant for \$200,000 was applied for in April 2013 from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs to fund housing rehabilitation.

The grant was approved in June of 2013 contingent on a number of things including the formal adoption of a newly-drafted "policies and procedures."