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Mitchell County Awarded RISE Funding

Representatives from Mitchell County, City of Osage, and Mitchell County Economic Development Commission attended yesterday's Iowa Department of Transportation Commissioners meeting to receive a RISE grant in the amount of \$466,492. This grant will be used to enhance 13th and 350th Streets in southeast Osage and rural Mitchell County.

"Key to receiving this funding was the industrial growth that we expect to see along this roadway. I applaud the efforts of the Mitchell County Supervisors and Osage City Council to come together to support this application for RISE funding." states Brenda Dryer, Executive Director for the Mitchell County Economic Development Commission.

The Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) program was created in 1985 and first implemented by the Iowa Department of Transportation in FY 1986. The purpose of the RISE program is to promote economic development in Iowa through the establishment, construction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and streets that promote economic development in the state by improving or maintaining highway access.

In comments made at the IDOT Commissioner meeting, Supervisor Joel Voaklander expressed thanks for the funding support, "On behalf of Mitchell County I wish to extend our gratitude for past funding support for roadway projects all over Mitchell County. You have supported past RISE projects in Osage, St. Ansgar, Stacyville, and rural Mitchell County. These RISE projects have assisted in the creation and retention of hundreds of new employment opportunities over the last 15 years. This current project supports expansions at two outstanding Mitchell County businesses."

Design and engineering work will take place this year. Project is expected to be bid in 2017.

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