

**NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND DAY OF REVIEW
OF APPORTIONMENTS FOR THE #528 DRAIN IMPROVEMENTS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That I, Bernard J. Barnes, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, will at the office of the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, 904 East Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan, 48847 receive sealed bids until **9:00 a.m., local time on the 12th day of March, 2019**, when bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction of a certain drain known and designated as the “#528 Drain”, located and established in Bethany and Pine River Townships, in said County.

In construction of said Drain, the following approximate quantities and type of pipe, along with appurtenances will be required and contracts let for same:

#528 Drain Construction

Estimated Quantity	Unit	Description
1	L.S.	Mobilization
1	L.S.	Traffic Control
365	L.F.	Clearing and Grubbing
3	EA	Remove Catch Basin
972	L.F.	Place Storm Sewer, 15" Perf. PE
78	L.F.	Place Storm Sewer, 15" PE (ADS H.P.)
4	EA	Place 2' Dia. Catch Basin
24	S.Y.	MDOT Plain Riprap
1	EA	Paved Road Restoration (State Road)
1	L.S.	Restoration

Misc.

Quantities	Unit	Description
10	EA	Farm Tile Connection

The bidding documents required for bidding purposes may be obtained from Bernard J. Barnes, the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, 904, beginning Monday, February 25th, 2019 and are available for a \$50.00 fee payable to Land & Resource Engineering. Bidders must obtain bidding documents on or before Monday, March 4th, 2019.

NOTE TO CONTRACTORS

A **mandatory** pre-bid meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 5th day of March, 2019 at the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner's Office, 904 East Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan, 48847. The OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the project. Prospective bidders are required to attend and participate in the conference. All bidders must sign in by name of attendee and business represented. Only bids from bidders in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be opened. All others will be considered non-responsive.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in the sum as specified in the bidding documents, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids, and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

The date for the completion of such contract and the terms of payment are contained in the contract specifications. Any responsible person desiring to bid on the above-mentioned work will be required to

deposit Bid Surety in the amount specified in the bidding documents as a guarantee that they will enter into contract and furnish the required bond as prescribed by the contract specifications and by applicable law. All bids shall remain open for one hundred twenty (120) days after the day of the bid opening, but I reserve the right at my sole discretion to release any bid and bid security before that date.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 26th day of March, 2019, at the office of the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, 904 East Center Street, Ithaca, Michigan, 48847, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the "#528 Drain Drainage District," and the apportionments thereof will be subject to review for one day, from Nine o'clock in the forenoon until Five o'clock in the afternoon.

At the meeting to review the apportionment of benefits, the Drain Commissioner will have available to review the tentative apportionments against the parcels and municipalities within the Drain Drainage District. The computation of costs of the construction of the #528 Drain will also be open for public inspection by any parties interested.

The drain assessments against land in the #528 Drain Drainage District will be collected in the same manner as property taxes. If the drain assessments against land are collected by installment, the landowner may pay the assessments in full with any interest to date at any time and thereby avoid further interest charges. Please contact the Office of the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner with any questions about payments of drain assessments.

Pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the drain commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within ten (10) days after the day of review of apportionment by making an application to the Gratiot County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

The following is a condensed description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the #528 Drain Drainage District located in Bethany and Pine River Townships, County of Gratiot, State of Michigan and described as follows:

Bethany Township, T12N, R2W:

Section 18 – The South 800 feet of the West 1,200 feet of the Southwest 1/4

Section 19 – The North 300 feet of the West 900 feet of the Northwest ¼

Pine River Township, T12N, R3W:

Section 13 – The South 800 feet of the East 1,100 feet

Section 24 – The North 500 feet of the East 500 feet of the Northeast 1/4

NOW, THEREFORE, All unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above-described lands, and you:

Angie Thompson, Clerk of Gratiot County;
Donald Long, Supervisor of Bethany Township;
Kevin Beeson, Supervisor of Pine River Township
Denis Netzley, Chairman of Gratiot County Road Commission;

are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said letting may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "#528 Drain," in the manner herein before stated; and, also, that at such time and place as stated above from Nine o'clock in the forenoon until Five o'clock in the afternoon, the apportionment for benefits and the lands comprised within the #528 Drain Drainage District will be subject to review.

AND YOU AND EACH OF YOU, Owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Bernard J. Barnes, the Gratiot County Drain Commissioner, at (269) 384-8117, or through the Michigan Relay Center at (800) 649-3777 (TDD) before each meeting to require mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

This review of apportionments is consistent with Section 154 of the Michigan Drain Code of 1956, as amended.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Barnes', written over a horizontal line.

Bernard J. Barnes
Gratiot County Drain Commissioner