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### Buckhorn Creek Bridge Re-Opens



Crawfordville, Florida – The Wakulla County Board of County Commissioners announces the re-opening of the Buckhorn Creek Bridge. In January of this year the old bridge was demolished and a new concrete bridge was constructed due to much needed emergency repairs. The old Buckhorn Creek Bridge was a wooden single lane County maintained bridge that is located on Buckhorn Creek Road in Sopchoppy. This project is one component of Wakulla County’s commitment to road and bridge improvements this year.

The bridge crosses Buckhorn Creek and provides access to a 37 lot subdivision called Buckhorn Creek Woods, and includes access to the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge. The emergency construction of the new bridge was required since the bridge had become a safety hazard. The new concrete bridge has an expected service life of 50 years, includes protective guardrails and barriers, and meets the Florida Department of Transportation’s loading design criteria. The bridge was constructed by Ben Withers Construction and was fully funded in the amount of \$140,095.28 from the one cent sales tax. “I’m proud to see the bridge is now re-opened, it was greatly needed and is much appreciated by the people who drive over it on a daily basis”, said Commissioner Lynn Artz.

The St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge partnered with the County by allowing the citizens of Buckhorn Creek Woods to utilize one of their internal refuge roads for access to and from their homes while the new bridge was being constructed. Several other key partners made this project a success, including Wakulla County EMS, Fire, Public Works, the Sheriff’s Office, and Ben Withers Construction.

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