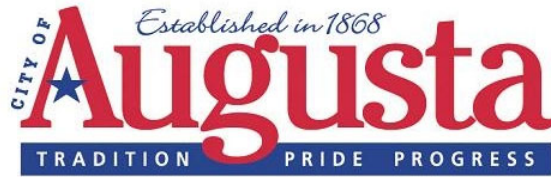


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December 14, 2022

Dear Members of the Augusta Township Board,

At the November 21st, 2022 meeting of the Augusta City Council, Trustee Nick McClure requested \$458,000 of compensation for damages to township roads resulting from drivers utilizing non-designated alternate routes to travel north as a result of road construction on N. Ohio Street. Council directed the city manager to follow up with the township on this matter.

Staff performed a calculation of the township's annual spend per mile for roadwork based on the township's 2022 Budget. The 2022 Budget included line items of \$270,716 for road materials and \$134,786 for contract labor, for a total of \$405,502. This is a dramatic increase over the prior year's budget total for these line items of \$307,052 and \$298,782 the year before that, which we think may be related to chip seal work on 60th Street. Nonetheless, we used \$405,502 as the basis for our calculation. Our staff estimated that the township has approximately 50 miles of gravel roadway within its jurisdiction. This amounts to an annual maintenance spend of \$8,110 per mile.

The City of Augusta did not designate a detour route using township roads, but if detour routes on those roads had been created they would have been the shortest possible distance to route traffic back to Ohio Street north of the construction zone. This means that we only consider 6.5 miles (3 miles on Dike Road between 54/400 and 70th Street, and Shumway and connecting streets between Belmont and 70th) as valid to this discussion. This amounts to \$8,110 times 6.5 miles, or \$52,715. Northbound traffic on N. Ohio Street was unavailable for just under six months between May 31 and the road reopening the second week of November 2022; accordingly, we divided the annual spend estimate in half and propose **\$26,357.63** to assist the township with repairs.

Additionally, as I discussed with Trustee Nick McClure earlier this fall, city staff see mutual benefit in furthering the development of Dike Road with a more reliable chip seal driving surface. This will alleviate major dust issues impacting our residents and businesses on the west side of town and enhance ingress/egress during emergency events (i.e. flooding) allowing


residents and first responders to evacuate or enter our community more easily. Therefore, city staff are prepared to recommend to the City Council that we partner with Augusta Township and Butler County to complete a chip seal project on the 3-mile stretch of Dike Road between HWY 54/400 and 70th Street. We support a recommendation to our City Council of a 60/40 partnership on that chip seal project, with the City of Augusta picking up 60% of the cost up to a maximum amount of \$100,000, if Augusta Township completes the chip seal within the next three years. This three year window will provide time for any necessary engineering work and coordination with our entities' respective budgets.

In summary, the City of Augusta's total commitment to Augusta Township is \$146,357.63 as shown below:

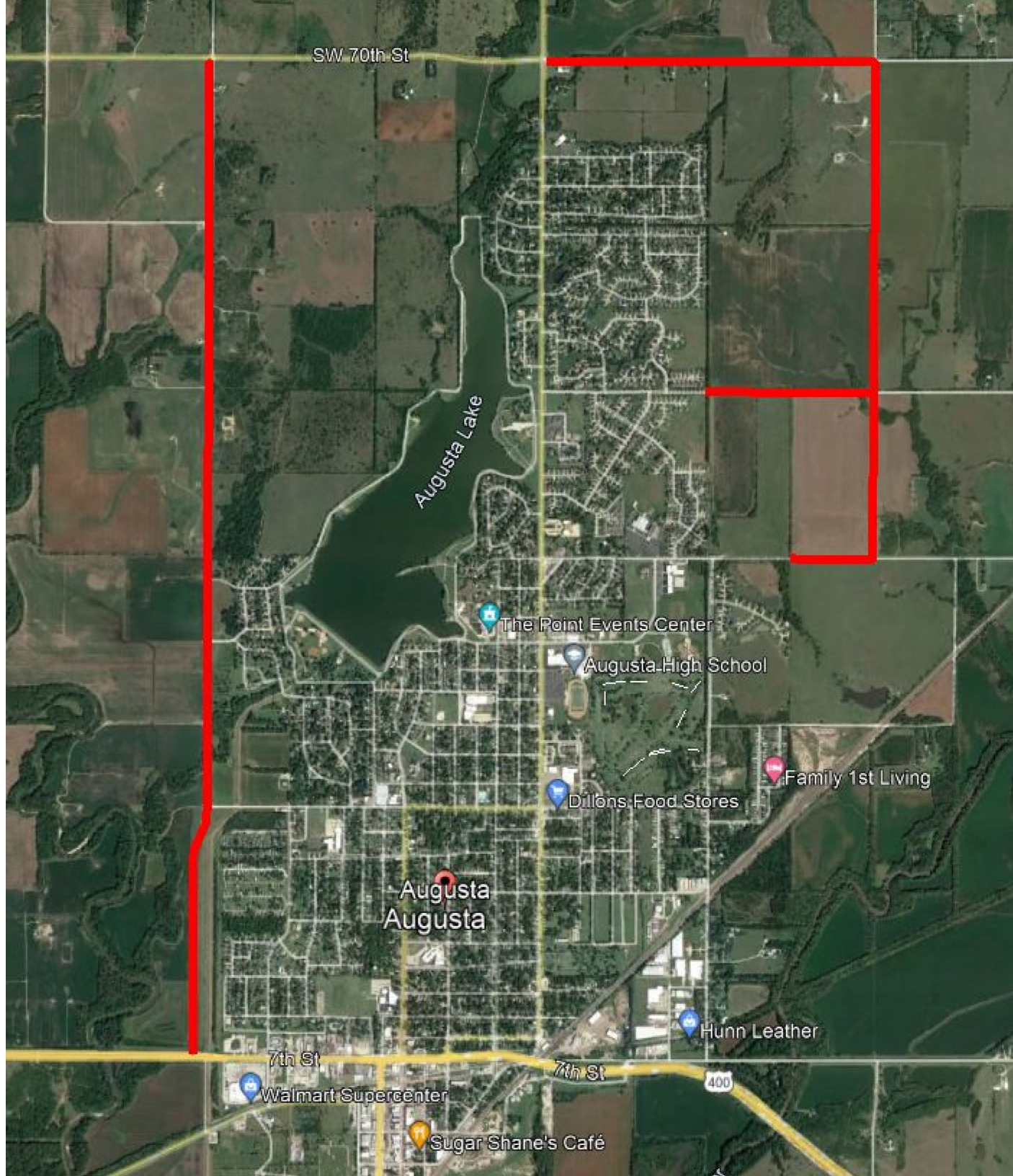
- \$20,000.00 – Previously paid by City of Augusta for dust control
 - \$26,357.63 – Additional compensation for road repairs
 - 60% up to \$100,000 – Chip seal project on Dike Road within next three budget years
- \$146,357.63**

This proposal would have to be formally approved by the Augusta City Council as they did not authorize staff to make any specific deal. If Augusta Township is agreeable to this proposal, I will submit it to the City Council with a staff recommendation for approval at one of our upcoming meetings. If City Council affirms the proposal, we will have legal counsel prepare a formal agreement with Augusta Township. Please contact me at jshaw@augustagov.org or 316-775-4510 with any questions or to indicate your agreement with this proposal.

Sincerely,



Josh Shaw
City Manager



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