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GROUND BREAKING SCHEDULED FOR ELK COUNTY BRIDGES.

The Elk County Commissioners, in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and P. Joseph Lehman, Inc., Consulting Engineers, are eagerly awaiting Monday, April 5 to celebrate the official ground breaking for the Arroyo and Maxwell Run Bridges, both county-owned bridges located in Spring Creek Township. Ceremonies will begin at 11:00am on April 5 at the Arroyo Bridge.

Originally built around the turn of the century, these deteriorating bridges across the Clarion River will be replaced with steel and concrete structures. Great care was taken by Penn DOT to ensure these new bridges both meet modern design standards and are aesthetically pleasing. Design objectives included providing motorists with the opportunity to continue enjoying the view of the scenic river from the bridge. In addition, the piers and abutments will be reinforced concrete, constructed with the use

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of form liners and dye. This treatment will allow these modern bridge components to look similar to the originals.

Construction is anticipated to take 1 year with an approximate cost of \$2.39 million for the Arroyo Bridge Replacement and \$2.1 million for the Maxwell Run Bridge Replacement.

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