

June 17, 2026

## Availability of Christian County Hawkins Bridge (3820004) for Reuse

Please find the enclosed information about the availability of Christian County Hawkins Bridge on Aspen Road over the Finley River. Christian County and Great River Engineering (GRE) are developing plans for construction of a replacement structure and are making the existing truss bridge available for donation to a State, locality, or responsible public or private entity providing certain conditions are met. Therefore, on behalf of Christian County, GRE is seeking proposals for the reuse of Hawkins Bridge.

Additional information is enclosed with this letter. Anyone interested in reusing the bridge or bridge components is urged to submit a letter of interest and subsequent proposal to Great River Engineering, Attn: Christian County Hawkins Bridge Reuse, 2826 S Ingram Mill Rd, Springfield, MO, 65804. Electronic submissions will be accepted via email to John Cahill at [jcahill@greatriv.com](mailto:jcahill@greatriv.com)

### ***Letter of Interest***

Letters of Interest shall be submitted by **12:00pm on Friday, July 3**. Letters of Interest shall include a statement of interest in reusing the existing Hawkins Bridge structure, a brief description of the proposed reuse, and a statement of intent to submit a full proposal by the deadline below. If no Letters of Interest are received by Friday, July 3, then this opportunity to request the bridge or its components for reuse will be closed.

### ***Proposal***

Full proposals shall be submitted by **12:00pm on Friday, August 7**. A proposal checklist is enclosed with this letter.

Proposals received for the reuse of Christian County Hawkins Bridge, will be evaluated by the Christian County Commission, Christian County Highway Department, and GRE based on how well they demonstrate the ability of the applicant to preserve the features of the bridge that make it historically significant to the local community. Priority will be given to proposals that:

- Preserve the bridge near the point of origin;
- Preserve the bridge in the State of Missouri;
- Preserve the entire bridge; or
- Preserve the most spans

Proposals will also be evaluated based on the financial resources of the applicant and their ability to provide long-term maintenance of the bridge. If a proposal does not include provisions to assume future financial and legal responsibility, it will be considered incomplete, and may not be considered.

If a proposal is accepted, Christian County will inform the approved applicant. The county and the applicant will then work to develop a transfer agreement and timing for the removal of the bridge, as described above.

Please share this information with others who may be interested in acquiring the bridge. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact John Cahill, GRE Project Manager, at (417) 886-7171 or [jcahill@greatriv.com](mailto:jcahill@greatriv.com).

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# Hawkins Bridge, 3820004, Christian County

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## Bridge Location

County: Christian

Road: Aspen Road

Feature Crossed: Finley River

Other Location Information: Located 7 miles southwest of Nixa, MO

Structure Number or County Bridge Number: Bridge No. 3820004

## Bridge Information

Owner: Christian County

Type: Steel, two-span, pin-connected, Pratt pony truss

Length: 161' overall

Width: 11'-8.4"

Year Built: 1915

Builder: Canton Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio

Current Load Rating: 3 tons

History of Modifications, Rehabilitations, etc.:

- Moved to current location in 1966
- Reconstructed and several new stringers added in 2004
- New bearing seat poured at north abutment and other repairs made in 2012
- Closed to traffic in 2017 due to cracked eyebar repair and cable retrofit too loose
- Repairs made to reopen bridge with 3 ton weight restriction in 2017
- Closed to traffic for 8 days in 2019
- Repairs made to reopen bridge in 2019

Other Comments: SE wingwall and south pier deteriorated, center pier undermining, deterioration on SE wing, SW wing cracked, hairline shear crack in both abutments, minor bank erosion

## Narrative Description:

Bridge 3820004 carrying Aspen Road over the Finley River in Christian County is a 1915, 161' long,

two-span, pin-connected Pratt pony truss. The truss was fabricated by the Canton Bridge Company of Canton, Ohio.

The bridge has a total length of 161' and width of 11' 8.4". It has a concrete deck with a roadway width of 12' 1.2". There are steel pile bents and concrete column piers. Due to deterioration, it is currently posted at 3 tons.

Based on the 2019 National Bridge Inventory list, Missouri has seventy-one pin-connected pony truss bridges. Seventy-one of these bridges are located on the county and local roadway system (off-system bridges) and none are located on the state highway system.

Bridge 3820004 was recommended as not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) during the Historic Bridge Inventory described as a late example with poor physical integrity due to the deterioration of its members, the loss of some bridge railing, abutment and wingwall deterioration, and significant repairs and retrofits made to the original structure. Despite this recommendation, Christian County recognizes the local historic significance of this structure.

On behalf of Christian County, Great River Engineering (GRE) is now accepting proposals for the relocation and reuse of the bridge or its components until August 7, 2026. Interested parties should contact GRE to request additional information and a proposal checklist.

**For further information and proposal submittals, interested parties may contact:**

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Organization: Great River Engineering  
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## Christian County Hawkins Bridge Relocation and Reuse Proposal Checklist

Proposals submitted for relocation and reuse of Christian County Hawkins Bridge or its elements should include the following information:

- € Map(s) showing the new location of the bridge or elements. This includes USGS topographic maps, city maps, or labeled aerial photos, etc.
- € Images of the site where the bridge or elements would be relocated. Please provide general photos of the area and specific views of the location for the new substructure and the surrounding area.
- € How the bridge or elements will be reused (adapted for city use, recreational trails, etc.).
- € Dismantling/relocation plan. This plan should specify the following:
  - How the bridge will be dismantled
  - The name of the contractor involved in moving the bridge
  - How the various components will be coded for proper reassembly (if applicable)
  - What rehabilitation work will be performed on the structure
- € Estimated time necessary for rehabilitation and/or estimates of the time before the bridge will be put into reuse.
- € Cost estimates for relocation and rehabilitation.

Proposals submitted for adoption of Christian County Hawkins Bridge in its current location should include the following information:

- € Plan for its rehabilitation/preservation and maintenance of the bridge.
- € Estimated time necessary for rehabilitation and/or estimates of the time before the bridge will be put into reuse.
- € Cost estimates for rehabilitation.

Any proposal for acquisition of a Christian County Hawkins Bridge ***whether in current or new location*** should include:

- € A statement indicating willingness to accept title to (ownership of) the bridge.
- € Willingness to assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the bridge, which will include an agreement to hold the Christian County Commission and Christian County Highway Department harmless in any liability action.
- € Willingness to preserve the bridge and features which make it historically significant to the local community.