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County plans five stimulus road jobs

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LEBANON - Five county roads could be resurfaced with federal funds if Congress approves another job stimulus bill, County Highway Superintendent Tom Kouns said Monday.

A bill passed by the House of Representatives contains about \$1.2 billion in stimulus funding, Kouns said. But a version passed by the Senate does not.

If a compromise bill containing job funding is sent to and signed by President Obama, Kouns has a list of projects ready, he told the Boone County Commissioners.

The commissioners approved an agreement with Butler Fairman & Seufert to draft bid packages for the projects, at a cost not to exceed \$135,000.

Last year, Boone County received \$1.3 million from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to re-pave four roads. The county had authorized spending up to \$15,000 for engineering studies on each of those projects, but spent only \$15,700 total for all four studies, Kouns said.

The roads, re-paved by Milestone Contractors, at a bid cost of \$1.16 million, were County Road 1200 East from CR 200 S to CR 300 S; Elizaville Road from the Lebanon city limits to Elizaville; the Pittsboro Road from CR 250 S to the Hendricks County line; and CR 400 E from Ind. 32 to CR 300 S, Kouns told the Boone County Commissioners.

If there is a second stimulus Kouns hopes to extend some

of those projects, he said.

The new list would include:

- County Road 1075 W, also known as the Colfax Blacktop, from Indiana 47 to the Clinton County line;

- CR 500 S from Ind. 75, at Granville Wells Elementary School, to the Montgomery County line;

- CR 1200 E from CR 200 S to Ind. 32;

- CR 400 E from Interstate 65 to CR 300 S, near Perry-Worth Elementary School; and

- John Bart Road, from Elizaville Road to CR 75 N, on Lebanon's northwest side.