

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Our trucks were out for hopefully what was the last time this winter on March 25th. The trucks were out numerous times, of course, over the course of the winter, but we only had two big snow storms: eight inches the day after Christmas and five inches on the aforementioned March 25th. We used somewhere over 2,500 tons of salt (overall annual average is 3,500 tons) and have spent \$38,000 for overtime which is slightly less than the half of the \$80,000 set up in the budget. Overall, not too bad of a winter. It seems to be lingering more than most though. The salt shed is filled and ready for next winter.

The Sandusky County TID (Transportation Improvement District) has narrowed the possibilities for a new SR 53/Terra entrance down to four. They will be meeting later today to rate all four and determine which one is best. More details coming.

Work is nearly complete on the TR's 202 and 244 Turnpike overpasses. CR 128 is set to begin next week. Plans have been submitted, reviewed and approved for Fangboner Road and TR's 222 and 238. These will be bid shortly and the work will be completed yet this year. That leaves CR 198 and TR's 188 and 234 to be completed by the end of next year. It was a long time coming, but I guess the battle was worthwhile to get the Turnpike to take care of these. Most of the Townships and County would be bankrupt if we'd had to take care of them.

Now that "lots of money" is available, compliments of the Turnpike, new projects are being proposed. The CEAO (County Engineer's Association of Ohio) requested projects from twenty-two counties. We submitted resurfacing and bridge repair projects with an estimated cost of \$1.5 m. I have also been invited to a meeting to discuss widening SR 53 to four lanes from Route 30 in Upper Sandusky to Route 2 in Ottawa County. I would be very surprised if any of these projects are funded.

Work has resumed on Tindall Bridge. B & W Welding is making some repairs. The painting contractor will be returning soon to finish the paint job.

We are getting ready to print the 2013 version of our county map. We intend to highlight events that took place, in what is now Sandusky County, in 1813 as part of the War of 1812. We have received some pictures from the Hayes Presidential Center. If you have any suggestions, please notify Rich.

The office has been turned upside down with the computer upgrades. This has been a major project involving many changes. The biggest, from my point of view, is switching from Lotus to Excel, but nearly everything has changed so we all have a lot of new stuff to learn. A special thanks to Rich and the County's IT guys Gary and Atoul. Also to Tim Reed and Tony Hartshorn who did an excellent job stringing all the new wire. That reminds me, we are also wireless.

At Wednesday's staff meeting, it was suggested that the office (only) go to four ten hour days. If anyone has any comments about this, either good or bad, please let me know. Memorial Day is the proposed start time.

Congratulations and thanks to Matt Reinhart who successfully passed his first ditch hearing! He did a very nice, professional job and the project was approved for planning. Good job Matt!

ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Perry Hill	April 29 th	11 years
Eric Wheatley	April 29 th	11 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

JA. 39-4.20 Culvert Replacement

What a job this has turned out to be! We knew going into it the job, controlling the water was going to be the toughest part. Once the water was under control each day, the job did not go to bad. We replaced the old structure, under C.R. 39, with a run of 48" R.C.P. The old, layed up, basin was replaced with a round man holes catch basin with precut hole for the pipe. We also

replaced the metal pipe along C.R. 39, down to C.R. 12, with 48" R.C.P. as part of the job. Along with that, 168' of 18" R.C.P. was installed along the south side of C.R. 39. This turned into a bigger project than I ever thought! This intersection should be good for a long time! All the pipe is in the ground and the crew is working on backfilling and cleaning up the site.

Road Maintenance

- Tree Stump grindings were cleaned up, replaced with dirt and grass seed put down.
- Trees are still being trimmed around the county
- New computer cables were run throughout buildings #2 and #11 for our computer upgrades. The old ones were removed.
- Buildings #2 and #11 were cleaned up
- Tim B. and I attended a bridge conference
- S. River Road, C.R. 65, C.R. 90, and C.R. 259 were closed last week due to high water
- Plows and salters were cleaned up and oiled for summer storage
- Trash pick up has begun in front of the mowers
- Jeff and Andy have been working on getting equipment serviced and getting the mowers ready for the first round
- Two monument boxes were broken loose on C.R. 239
- Two culverts were replaced on Smith Rd.
- Culverts on S. River Rd. were spot paved
- Tim R. is working on leveling the dumpsite on T.R. 59
- Perry and I have been working on the sign order
- C.R. 11 tile job was cleaned up and grass seed was put down

Keep up all the GOOD work!