

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

It has been very busy in the office. The CR 41 paving project began on Monday, the 18th. The milling immediately revealed two problems that had to be taken care of ASAP. One was the bad bridge beam on the Sugar Creek Bridge, and the other one was the milling went through all the asphalt to stone. On the bridge, we intend to replace the entire deck and are proceeding under emergency procedures. We are in the process of applying for emergency funds from the Ohio Public Works Commission. The cost will be around \$100,000. The road repairs were made by milling out 6" and filling with 301. All of the known spots were repaired yesterday at a cost of about \$20,000. 80% of this should be covered by the Federal Grant for the project.

Today is the deadline to order salt through ODOT. The cost is \$134.90 per ton. We paid \$32.52 last winter. In 2008 it went up to \$93.95. We were able to avoid buying much at that price at that time due to our inventory. I think we can do the same this year, but may buy some just to be safe.

We completed both of our OPWC applications awhile back and are now working on one for TR 220, which is the road that goes to the County Airport from Route 20. The plan is to widen it to 20'.

By the way, I met the airport manager recently, and he told me they are still using one of our old trucks. It's either 792 or 793. I don't know if they contacted Joe Kokai or Dave Zorn to operate it or not.

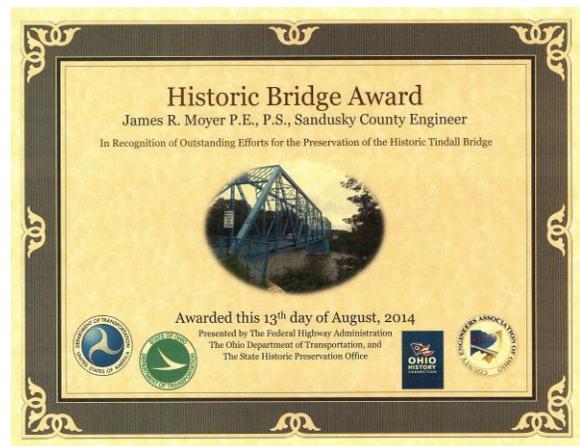
The Committee dealing with SR 53 through Wyandot, Seneca, Sandusky, and Ottawa Counties met recently to prioritize the "hot spots" that a consultant identified as problem areas. The Committee will be meeting again on August 26th to finalize them. The Sandusky County TID is scheduled to meet on September 3rd. Hopefully, Terra will have a final answer on whether they can afford a new entrance or not.

I would like to welcome our two new employees—Reed Pumphrey and Kory Keegan. They were chosen above a whole lot of other applicants, so they have to be good!! Good luck fella's!

Also, with regret, we said goodbye to Tony Hartshorn recently. Tony decided to pursue other interests and we wish him well.

Just this past week, we received a Historic Bridge Award for the Tindall Bridge painting project. The award was presented at the Ohio Bridge Conference in Columbus, OH on August 13th, 2014. Carlos went down to receive the award on our behalf. I would like to thank Carlos for all of his hard work on getting the project completed and on submitting the application for the Historic Bridge Award.

Also, with a sad heart, we extend our sympathy to Jimmy and the entire Sanford family on the loss of their mother. To lose both parents in such a short time span would be especially painful. We're thinking about you Jimmy. What a tribute Jimmy paid to his parents by continuing to work through this difficult time because he thought that's what they would have wanted him to do.



FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to welcome Reed Pumphrey and Kory Keegan to the road crew. Reed and Kory started on Aug. 11th.

RY.244-2.52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

We can see the light at the end of the tunnel on this project. Beams were set and grouted last week, plus the rest of the stone backfill was hauled in. The crew has been working on clean up channel work, rock work, and will be working on guardrail installation. We also have a culvert and drainage tile to install under 244 for the Township. The approaches will also get paved.

We are hoping to finish up with the excavator on this bridge and move it to the next bridge replacement on Twp. Rd. 226 next week.

MISC. ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mowing continues around the county. Crews are on the east side of the county mowing everything they are able to.
- Mailboxes and CR 41 were completed last week. Just in time since M&B moved in this week to start grinding and paving.
- Drives and mailbox approaches were shaved down for paving.
- The RY. 247-1.73 bridge was waterproofed before paving.
- Dirt from the TR 244 Bridge was hauled to Cedar Ridge and graded with the dozer. This area will still need rock hounded and seeded.
- Some mill and fill asphalt repairs are being worked on. CR 1 & TR 4, Creek Rd., Buckland Ave., Tiffin Rd., Brush St., and CR 201 are just a couple of road that have already been worked on. What a nice improvement already.
- The fair booth was put together Monday for the County Fair