

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Although it is snowy and cold outside, we are busy getting ready for upcoming projects.

We have had the pre-construction conference on the Mull Covered Bridge and now need to pick out the colors for the new siding and roof. This will be a very interesting project. The plan is to lift the bridge off the abutments and pier and replace all damaged timber members to restore the bridge to its original condition.

We have met with experts from ODOT regarding our asphalt specifications and testing procedures. All paving for this year has already been bid, but we may make some changes in the future to make sure we are getting good quality asphalt.

We have received the proposed maintenance assessments for 2016 from the SWCD. We will be meeting with them and the County Commissioners here at our office on March 5th for the annual review of ditch maintenance in general.

The next day we will be meeting with Ottawa County Engineer and SWCD to prepare for the Wolf Creek project should it be approved by the Joint Board of County Commissioners.

Work is also being done on equipment acquisitions for this year. We have purchased a used International semi-tractor to pull the lowboy for a total of \$55,000. That truck should be delivered next week.

Jeff is working on prices for new mowing tractors and mowers.

We are also considering purchasing a brush mulcher attachment for the excavator.

We have received a multitude of requests, mostly from Townships, for paving estimates.

Looks like it's going to be another busy year!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Snow, wind, and cold temperatures are pretty much the story these last two weeks. We haven't had a lot of new snow, but with the strong winds lately we have had a lot of blowing and drifting. The drifts and wind rows along the roads defiantly grew this week. When we were not in the trucks keeping the roads plowed off, backhoes were out pushing back the worst areas. Yesterday, drivers spent time on their routes pushing back wind rows and drifts with the trucks. This should help in the future if we get any more snow or blowing. Hopefully winter is on the decline and temperatures start to rise.

MISC. WORK BETWEEN SNOW REMOVAL

- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Snow piles removed from East State St. median for visibility.
- Trucks kept washed and fueled.
- Road work signs and stands were made up.
- Signs and mailbox's repaired.
- Finished cleaning bridge forms and modifying racks.
- Built some new bridge wales.
- Some brush work.
- Between day and night crews, vehicles are getting washed and waxed.