

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

2015 has started out better than 2014. By this time last year, the temperature had been down to 15 below, we'd had at least one Level 2 snow emergency and Ohio State had lost a Bowl game. This year we have had more normal weather and Ohio State has won two Bowl games by beating Alabama in the Sugar Bowl and Oregon in the National Championship Game by a score of 42 – 20. In other news, the team up north has a new coach—yippee!

The annual plan for 2015 will soon be available. Highlights include replacing two bridge—one on CR 66 and another one on CR 32. Box culverts are also planned for TR 223 and CR 177. Proposed new equipment includes two new snowplows (tandems with side plows), new tractors and mowers and replacing the Mack.

Speaking of equipment, we've sold numerous items on GovDeals. The results are amazing! The distributor sold for over \$17,000 and went to central Michigan, the sandblasting cabinet went to Iowa, a tandem is heading to Maryland, a pickup went to Virginia. All in all, sales totaled over \$60,000.

So far, we are in good shape with salt, but we have a long ways to go, so we must use it conservatively. The biggest fear is to have an ice storm late winter or early spring and have no salt. Please conserve!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tony Miller	January 14 th
Matt Zilles	Today
Eric Wheatley	January 30 th
Jenna Sommers	February 4 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Stephen Pfeiffer	January 10 th	10 years
Jeff Dymond	January 20 th	28 years
Mark Auxter	January 22 nd	36 years
Chad Fisher	January 25 th	16 years
Chad Bender	February 2 nd	6 years
Andy Brough	February 2 nd	6 years

****Correction from December 12th**

Kimberley Foreman	January 3 rd	15 years
Jim Moyer	January 7 th	30 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January – December

2014	\$4,278,647
2013	\$4,247,554

HEALTH INSURANCE

2015 Hospitalization
Medical Mutual – SuperMed PPO
Payroll Deduction-6.5%

Employee	\$22.18
Employee/Spouse	\$44.37
Employee/Children	\$42.72
Family	\$64.90
Family W/Adult Child	\$84.16

TEMPORARY EMPLOYEE

Sarah Williamson started helping out in the office on January 13th. Sarah was recommended for the position through Kelly Services. Sarah has administrative experience -she is answering the phone and assisting in the office work.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It has been awhile since we have written a road report, but we are still here staying busy. With the month of December being above average and no snow fall, we were able to keep busy with projects on the road. We were able to finish up things like mowing, continue with crack sealing, and completing brush work. So far in 2015, it has been a different story with the weather. Temperatures have been colder and we have had a couple of snow and freezing rain events. Fortunately, there has not been much wind with these events.

On these colder days we have been taking care of miscellaneous work here in the yard. Bridge forms are being cleaned and the racks they sit in are being modified for them to stand up in now. The ez dump box is receiving a makeover with a new liner and lift pump. Vehicle washing, especially plow trucks on a regular basis. On some of the better days we have been out cutting brush on routes and also on CR 177 for an upcoming shoulder project. Dirt from the TR 244 Bridge will be hauled to CR 177 to add shoulder along the road. Other work like pot holes and mailbox repairs are being taken care of as needed.

We are in the process of acquiring some new equipment. We are real close to putting an order in for two new tandem dump trucks. These will be equipped with our usual snow plow package, but we are looking into adding mid mount wing plows also. Mowing tractors and mowers are also on the list. We have been in contact with different tractor dealers as well as different companies that can fit the mowers to the tractor. This seems like a very time consuming project, with phone calls and meeting with dealers. We want to make sure we get the right equipment that fits our needs. We have also been looking for a semi-tractor to replace our 1985 Mack. We have already looked and test drove a 2009 Mack. We are hoping to go look at a couple more trucks next week. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, please feel free to talk to me about the equipment.