

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Over the last two weeks I have been inspecting various roads and bridges in order to prepare our plans and budget for next year. Judging by the bridges I have looked at, we have a lot of brush to cut.

We had our first employee meeting with Corporate One on November 18th. Corporate One is the consultant we have hired to help us transition from BORMA to The Jefferson Health Plan and make sure we conform with all the requirements of the Affordable Care Act (AKA Obamacare). The big issue is the use of health insurance for the rest of the year. It is important to make sure bills are submitted promptly so they are paid by the end of the year. Bills not paid by then will become our responsibility. "Our" being employees and the County.

The roundabout on SR 53 at Terra is now open. I heard a lot of concerns about it during construction, but haven't heard anything since it opened on November 20th. It looks like it will work OK, but I am still glad it is not our project.

We are advertising for an Engineer, an Engineering Technician and a Temporary Engineering Technician. We have one applicant for the Engineer's position (who I will be meeting with this week) and four current employees have applied for the Technician job. Those interviews will start next week.

I hope you all have a nice Thanksgiving with your friends and families.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Jim Vallance. Jim was the victim of a fatal crash on November 10th. Jim was actually our first full time paving inspector. He worked here the summer of 1990, when we had a lot of paving going on and needed an inspector. From here he went on to work for Gerken Paving where he was still working at the time of his unfortunate death.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan Dorr December 6th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Carlos Baez	December 6 th	5 years
Tim Below	December 6 th	16 years
Tim Reed	December 6 th	16 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

We are glad to see Andy back at work and doing well after being off for knee surgery.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Some asphalt repairs were done before the asphalt plants closed for the year. On CR 198 north of TR 261, the inside curve had settled, the bridge approaches settled on TR 115. Also, a culvert had settled on Napoleon Rd.
- Mowing is just about wrapped up for the year. Tractors are still out on the east side of the county finishing up back banks. Ed and the boom mower have finished up mowing the County roads and have started on the Township roads. Right now the boom mower is down with a hydraulic line. It should be back on the road next week.
- The excavator is still up on CR 294 south of SR 6 working on the ditch banks. We are straightening out the channel and fixing any slips.
- Crack sealing continues on CR 13.
- Miscellaneous equipment and materials are being organized to be sold on GovDeals. Dump trucks, Mack semi-tractor, grader, cast pipe, misc. I - beams, and many other things.
- Snow fence started to go up this week. The east side of the county has been installed. The crew is working on the west side now.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving weekend.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

HEALTH INSURANCE

On Friday, December 4th at 2:30 is an Open Enrollment meeting for employees and spouses.

Here is a list of what each and every one of us MUST do at this time:

- Any place **you and your family members** receive medical care; Let them know: **“It is very important that this claim is submitted immediately to insurance for payment”**.
- Within **two weeks**, you will receive your **Explanation of Benefits (EOB)** –**you need to look and make sure this claim was paid correctly**. If there is a problem, please contact Mutual Health Services 1-800-367-3762 or let me know.
- If you **do not** receive an EOB within two weeks –please contact Mutual Health Services 1-800-367-3762 or call the medical care facility.
- Prescription medication, refill all medication **prior to December 20th**; if possible, **do not** fill prescriptions between these dates December 21-31.