

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The main project I have been working on lately is interviewing employees with Chad Fisher and Mark Auxter. This is a result of switching from Maintenance Worker to Maintenance Worker I, II and III. It has been a very interesting process to say the least. It is taking longer than I imagined, but in the end it will be very worthwhile. I am not making any predictions when we will be done, but rest assured, we are working diligently on it.

We will also be posting positions for an Engineer and Engineer Technicians (permanent and temporary). This will be done as soon as possible, but is being delayed by computer problems in the Courthouse. You may read about those in today's paper.

In other news, the review of our bridge inspection and recording keeping procedures with Mark Stockman has been completed with flying colors thanks to Carlos and Rick and their predecessors. Mark is a former Paulding County Engineer and now works for the County Engineer's Association as the QA/QC Engineer making sure all counties are in conformance with all State and Federal requirements. He had a chart that compared us to ODOT and all other counties. We have more "good" bridges and fewer "bad" bridges than any of them, by far. Thanks to all who have made this possible.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Lucille Atkinson. Lucille passed away on October 25th at the age of 91. Lucille lived on CR 119 and was a former Rice Township Trustee (as was her late husband and currently, a son). I considered Lucille a personal friend as I would stop to see her occasionally after she retired. Sugar diabetes was not kind to her, so it is good to know she has received eternal relief.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Jenna Sommers

November 8th 11 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- The bridge on T.R. 7 was sandblasted and painted.
- Mowing on the west side of the county continues. Also Ed and the Boom Mower have moved to the east side of the county, working on back banks and the deeper ditches.
- Misc. areas were spot paved. C.R. 89, 128, S. River Rd., and Brush St.
- A 12" culvert on C.R. 177 was replaced.
- Washouts and a catch basin were repaired on C.R. 30.
- A high yard on River St. was shaved down.
- Buildings and vehicles were cleaned this week on a rain day. Nice job every one.
- Today, a crew started crack sealing on C.R. 182.
- A tile repair is ongoing on Christy Rd.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

THANKSGIVING

If you are planning on taking the day after Thanksgiving off, please submit a vacation request by November 12th.

UNITED WAY

United Way Pledge Cards are now available and payroll deduction **or** a one-time donation can be made. Why invest in United Way? Your donation (large or small), touches the lives of Sandusky County residents. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. **As a donor, you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County.**

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ENROLLMENT

Enroll now for 2016 and **pay less** into
Federal, State, City, School, Medicare Tax.

What is FSA? It is a saving account for the following expenses: Medical, Dental, Vision, Medication -prescriptions and over the counter AND/OR Dependent Care –day care, babysitter...

If you are interested in enrolling and would like more information, please let me know.

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January-September

2015 \$3,228,001

2014 \$3,192,261

HEALTH INSURANCE

On September 14th, BORMA was notified that we will be withdrawing our membership at the end of the year. Our Employee Health Insurance Committee decided to hire Ron Burns, with Corporate One Benefits, as our Broker and join The Jefferson Health Plan. The provider will be either Aetna or Mutual Health Services. I am waiting to hear back from Corporate One for a date and time when they will be available to have an employee meeting.

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.