

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

A ribbon cutting ceremony is being planned for the Mull Covered Bridge renovation completed last year. The tentative date is June 15th. As a side note, the best prospect yet for the wood salvaged from the renovation project is for Ballville Township. They are developing a new park on the east side of the River on Rice Road. It is going to have a historical theme with a building resembling a barn. It may be possible to erect a segment of the Mull Covered Bridge inside this building. This would mean the diagonals with the initials carved into them would be on permanent public display. They may also be able to incorporate the stone we have accumulated from various bridge abutments. There is an outside chance they may use the two steel bridge trusses we have salvaged.

The bid opening for paving various township roads was on March 16th. This involves Woodville, Madison, Washington, Jackson and Riley Townships. We prepared the plans. The low bid was \$644,445.50 from Gerken Paving. The three lowest bids were within \$1,000 of each other. The estimate was \$662,000. Asphalt prices are down about \$5 a ton from last year.

We will be opening bids for our 2016 paving program on April 12th here at our office instead of the Commissioner's. This is part of the annual Trustees Meeting which will start right after the bid opening. Also, on that day, we will be offering several seminars for employees. Topics include health insurance, deferred compensation, investing and flexible spending account just to mention a few. This will be an all-day event starting off with an employee meeting. The office will be closed for regular business that day. Lunch will be provided for employees and Trustees. Bids will also be opened for paint striping that day as well as TR 220.

The CR 32 Bridge started this week. Over the years, two months has been the norm for a bridge replacement. If that works on this bridge, it should be open by Memorial Day. This is the last planned major bridge replacement. This will be the end of a program started 30 years ago.

Over 150 bridges have been replaced in that time. All the remaining bridges are in good condition and rate too high for any type of outside funding. So we will be shifting to a maintenance mode from a construction mode.

Thanks to all employees for the card I received after surgery. It came at a very good time and was very much appreciated. Thanks!!

Thanks to Steve Pfeiffer for helping out in the office over the last several months. He will now be returning to the highway crew. Thanks Steve!

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO PROUD GRANDPA, RICH RANDOLPH

It's a Boy!

Dominic Andrew Rice arrived
March 30, 2016.

His proud parents are
Cori (Randolph) & Ben Rice.

Name: Dominic Andrew Rice
Weight: 7 lbs. 11 oz.
Length: 19.5 inches
Date: March 30, 2016
Place: Bellevue, Ohio

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Chad Fisher April 11th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – March

2016	\$1,099,156
2015	\$1,087,754

Health/Benefit Fair

The County offers wellness programs through their group health insurance to us. On Friday, April 8th (11:00 am – 1:00 pm) is a Health/Benefit Fair at DJ&FS Conference Rooms 1-3. If you are interested in participating, a vacation request is needed.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The excavator has been on the move over the last two weeks. Mark and his guys finished cleaning a ditch on TR 260 and hauled a few piles of stumps away. He then moved down the road to CR 177 at the culvert we installed last year and did some cleanup, channel, and rip rap work. Also, more dirt was hauled in from the Alley ditch to finish the south side shoulder. Dirt work is pretty much wrapped up for this job.

Once it dries up again we will be hauling more dirt to another location on CR 177 to improve the shoulder. The excavator has now moved over to CR 32 where we are starting a bridge replacement. Mark has been working the past two days on hammering the deck off and removing the south wall and footer.

Mailbox relocation is going well. They have finished Limerick Rd. east of CR 185 and CR181 between CR185 and SR 19. They are also about halfway through CR 185. We still have a section on Limerick to finish and all of Finefrock.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Tiles were repaired on CR 229 and on CR 66
- Pot holes were filled on CR175, 185, and E. State St.
- We exposed a manhole on CR 290 up at the bay last week, which let us look into a box culvert that has been plugged for some time now. Erie County was also there for the inspection. We hope we can work together to figure out a solution to this problem.
- Floor drains in Building # 1 and # 9 were cleaned.
- Brush and limbs were cleaned off of and in front of the grate on CR 109.
- Eddie and Tony are sprucing up in the yard today. Grass is cut, new mulch in the flower beds, and bushes trimmed.