

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

What a difference a year makes. Last year at this time, the snowplows had already been out four times as compared to none this year. Let's hope the mild weather continues, but we have a long ways to go. On January 12 of last year we received 5" of snow. Incidentally, that's the same day Ohio State beat Oregon 42 – 20 for the National Championship!

Thanks to everyone who helped support a needy family over Christmas. Especially thanks to Kris who headed up the whole operation. The employees who delivered everything reported that the family was very appreciative.

Welcome aboard to our new engineer Elizabeth Royster! Elizabeth is a registered professional engineer and has taken the necessary course work to receive her surveying license. Elizabeth is a Sandusky County native and is returning home with her family from the Columbus area. Again, welcome Elizabeth!

Congratulations also to Jan Dorr on his retirement on December 30th of last year. Jan had over 40 years of public service. Let's hope he has a long and happy retirement. I am sure he will miss plowing snow!

The mild weather, if it continues, would help out the budget. The budget included 4,000 tons of salt. We're only obligated to buy 3,000 tons of which we've already bought 1,000 tons in round numbers. If we could save a 1,000 tons, that would be about \$50,000. That would be a start to replenish cuts of \$130,000 that had to be made at the last minute due to lower than expected income.

The "General Plan for 2016" is now available. Nothing too exciting looks like a rather routine year with only one new bridge and a small paving program. "Routine Maintenance" is the predominant work.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Moyer	December 29th
Jimmy Sanford	January 7 th
Tony Miller	January 14 th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Cody Amor	January 3 rd	11 years
Kim Foreman	January 3 rd	16 years
Jim Moyer	January 7 th	31 years
Steve Pfeiffer	January 10 th	11 years
Jeff Dymond	January 29 th	29 years

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Congratulations to Jan on his retirement. Best wishes to you and the next chapter in your life.

The Brush Crew has been out working on plow routes. Trees and brush are being trimmed back from the roadways. Also, as they are going around cleaning up guardrails, utility poles, bridges, and Turnpike overpasses.

Mark has already finished cleaning one ditch on CR 41 and has moved to the second. He will spend about two more days there and the excavator will be moving up to CR 82 at the county line for another ditch cleaning. Toledo Edison will be moving the utility poles back on CR 169 so that we can finish cleaning the ditch there. Eric and Chad are also working on cleaning some ditches on CR 198 south of 201.

With some colder temperatures and frozen ground recently we were able to start hauling dirt spoils from the Ally ditch project to CR 177. We are working on getting a good shoulder built up in this area. This work will continue with weather permitting.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- CR 65, 90, and 259 were closed for a couple of days due to high water.
- Some minor welding repairs were done on Tindall Bridge.
- A broken down plastic tile along CR 65 was replace with concrete pipe.

- A broken tile was repaired on CR 229.
- Vehicles and equipment are being washed and waxed on bad weather days.
- Spot berming continues as needed.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Rotten and broken guardrail posts from our bridge inspection were repaired.
- Sign installation for our grant has been completed. Perry has been working on entering the information into the computer.