

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Over the last two weeks I have attended a Soil & Water Conservation District meeting, a Regional Planning meeting, an Elected Officials meeting and have met with a PUCO inspector about the railroad crossings on CR 30 north of Woodville. Carlos and I also met with other County Engineers, ODOT officials and a CEAO representative in Bowling Green about upcoming projects that will be receiving Federal Funds. Our next federally funded project will be resurfacing the full length of CR 175. That should happen next year.

Last Friday was the deadline for filing OPWC applications in our office. Kim and I have been busy going over those. The meeting awarding county priority points will be on the 22nd. You never know how this meeting will turn out, but our project ratings look pretty good at this time.

This Sunday, I have the pleasure of making a presentation to the Ohio Historic Bridge Association about the Mull Covered Bridge. The meeting will be held on the bridge. Later in the day, John Smolen, former Ashtabula County Engineer and consultant on the Mull Bridge project, will be making a presentation to the same group at the Hayes Presidential Center about the project also.

I have also been working on the RUMA – (Road Use Maintenance Agreement) in anticipation of next year's pipeline projects. For me, it's a slow process, but in the end it will hopefully protect our roads and bridges and pass the expenses onto to the pipeline companies.

In case you're wondering, pay raises are being finalized and should appear in the next pay check.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January-August

2016 \$2,865,983
2015 \$2,869,871

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tim Below September 25th
Andy Brough September 27th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Just a reminder, our vehicle inspection is on September 29th.

The Smith Rd. tile project is now complete. A project that I thought would be a pretty easy run of pipe to install turned into a big headache. Mismarked water line in the way and finding a gas line that was never marked made for some delays. We worked through the hurdles and now we have some good pipe that should not give us troubles for a long long time. The mini excavator we demoed from Streackers for this project worked out real well. We were able to dip stone out of the truck, it handled the 18" RCP with no problem, and the rubber tracks made it nice working on the road, not scuffing or marring the newer pavement.

Dirt work continues on CR 185. This has been a pretty slow process. A lot of areas have to be leveled with the backhoe. Some areas are getting put in by the widener. Tree roots and some rock in the dirt are not making it any easier. We are trying to sort out as much of that stuff as we can before it is loaded. We have to work with what we have available. The areas that have been finished are getting hydro-seeded today.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Eddie is over west mowing with the boom mower.
- Perry and Adam have been making and installing green signs around the county.
- The areas around town were mowed.
- A tile on CR 185 was extended so dirt could be added.
- Tim has been out on TR 59 with the dozer leveling spoils.
- Vehicles were cleaned and washed.
- A catch basin was repaired on Smith Rd.

