

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

2017 has started out very busy. We are dealing with the Ditch Maintenance transfer, the RUMA for the proposed Nexus Pipeline and another accident at the CR 175/SR 101 intersection which has generated some activity.

The Ditch Maintenance transfer is proceeding smoothly. As expected, there is a flurry of activity right now, but it's obvious it won't take too long to settle into a routine. By the way, welcome to Lee Klohn who now on our staff. Lee comes to us from the Soil and Water Conservation District where he was the Ditch Maintenance Supervisor. Naturally, Lee will continue to be a key employee for DM. He is working with Jenna who is busy tracking down the bookkeeping side of the operation. DM has a handheld GPS device to determine latitudes and longitudes that Cody has figured out. It will come in handy for locating things such as tile outlets that can be transferred to air photos.

The Sandusky County Township Association's annual banquet is on January 19<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have the RUMA completed by then. The biggest remaining items are the videos that document the existing road conditions. The major stuff such as making sure damaged roads are repaired and fee structures for our expenses are all in place.

In regard to the intersection, we already had planned on raising the west approach of CR 175, but in reality, that would not have prevented many of the previous accidents since most of them involved traffic going southwest. We are working with ODOT to improve the safety somehow. We have offered to pay for flashing LED's on the stop signs.

I would also like to welcome Remington Smith to our staff! Remington (isn't that a cool name!) is our newest Mechanic. Good mechanics are hard to find, so we were very fortunate to hire him. Welcome Remington!

Just as a reminder, the "Road Report" serves as our Annual Report, but instead of just one report, it's done in approximately 26 segments—one every two weeks or so. Through the course of the year, hopefully we will report on all major projects and events. We usually only cover financial matters in general, but we do put out a monthly Financial Statement that is available to anyone who is interested. Also, if any of our readers want additional information, all they have to do is ask. The

"Road Report" is given to all current employees and is mailed to many retired employees as well as others that are interested in our operation, including the County Commissioners.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jimmy Sanford	January 7 <sup>th</sup>
Tony Miller	January 14 <sup>th</sup>
Remington Smith	January 18 <sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Jim Moyer	January 7 <sup>th</sup>	32 years
Steve Pfeiffer	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	12 years
Jeff Dymond	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	30 years

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I would like to welcome Remington Smith to our team. Remington will be joining Jeff and Jim S. in the shop. Jeff has put these Guys right to work on services and other small projects. These guys have been go getters so far. Jumping in and getting down and dirty!

We have had a couple of small snow events in the past two weeks. They have not required much plowing, just salting roads. We have been pretty fortunate so far for this snow season. Yes, we have had some snow, but it has not stuck around.

Our night shift started this week. Jim S., Matt, and Nick were put to their first test last night. They did a pretty good job. The trucks were loaded and ready to go for us this morning and the parking lots and sidewalks were all cleaned.

The brush crew is out working the east side of the county, cutting and trimming brush away from the road. The excavator has been up along CR 117 mulching brush and trees along the river. Again what a difference this has made along the road. Visibility is so much better, especially around the curves.

Mark has started cleaning a ditch on CR 141 with the new mini excavator. Eric has also had a little time in it. Eric also finished cleaning a ditch along CR 41 by CR 32. We will be starting another ditch cleaning on CR 39 next week.

Some other projects going on are guardrail repairs, pot holes as needed, washing and waxing equipment, and washing plow trucks after snow events.