

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

Jim and I met with the Commissioners this past Thursday to discuss the \$5 Permissive License Fee. They decided to have some more discussion on the topic and maybe bring it up again for a vote, possibly next week. If the Commissioners do decide to enact this License Fee, the earliest that we could start to collect on it would be in January of 2020. We are estimating that this proposed license fee could generate around \$300,000 per year for road and bridge repairs.

We also met this past week with M&B Asphalt for the Pre-Construction meeting of the East State Street Paving Project. They plan to start the project in the next couple of weeks. First we have to coordinate the concrete curb work removal and replacement, then the milling, and finally the paving. M&B will be using Smith Paving out of Norwalk for the concrete curb work. They estimate it will take them about three weeks to complete the project, once the curb work is done.

Rick and I went down to the ODOT Central Office, in Columbus, this past week for a Bridge Inspection Refresher course. Rick and I are required to attend one of these courses at least once every 5 years. The main topics of discussion were new regulations and findings by the Federal Highway Administration and ODOT. They brought up issues with the new Loads (Trucks, Special Hauling Vehicles, and Emergency Vehicles), and Load rating of those particular vehicles. They also discussed issues related to H piles on bridge piers, and scour. We have received funding over the years to Load Rate our bridges. This year we are having to redo some of these bridges due to the new regulations on Special Hauling Vehicles and Emergency Vehicles.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – July
2018 \$2,569,538
2017 \$2,578,149

Budget

If you know of something that needs replaced, or repaired...let Chad know. If you are considering Retirement or Health Insurance Policy changes in 2019, please let me know soon.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The excavator has been staying busy with some different projects. We moved the machine back to the Wetjin Ditch and finished cleaning and hammering out rock where needed. From there, we moved to Morrison Rd where three elliptical pipe were added to extend the culvert and gain some shoulder. Now they have moved to the Doby Bridge, on 201, where we will be removing a large log jam. Next week we will be moving over to the township end of 181 where we will be removing a double run of 48" RCP and replacing with one run of elliptical pipe.

Mowing was finished up earlier this week on the west side of the county. The mowers have been brought into the yard, cleaned, and serviced for the next round. Ed and Matt have been out over west with the boom mower and spare side mower. Matt is doing a great job learning the ropes of the boom mower.

Lately we have been doing some more work for Ditch Maintenance. Tim has been on various ditches leveling spoils. Steve finished cleaning the Wetjin Ditch. The guys have also hauled spoils and rip rap for Sugar Creek.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- Kory and Tony have started sandblasting and painting on Ja. 72-1.50 Bridge.
- Asphalt repairs are being fixed on CR 229.
- Mowing has been done around town.
- Perry has been working on green signs and prepping for the fair tent.
- Vehicles were washed and detailed on rain days.
- On CR 169 a ditch bank was repaired.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Matt Wonderly August 28th

**Don't forget to visit the
SANDUSKY COUNTY FAIR
August 21st - 26th**