

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Paving is in full swing on Napoleon Road. If all goes well, the entire scratch course will be completed today and top will start at U.S. 6 on Tuesday.

Part of Motor Avenue and an adjacent alley have been vacated to accommodate expansion of ABC Inoac. This office prepared the plat and legal description. The actual vacation was handled by the County Commissioners through a view (done with a drone) and a public hearing.

Riley Township opened bids for their road program on Wednesday night. I should say bid, as Erie Blacktop was the only bidder. Their bid was about \$1,600 higher than the \$60,000 estimate. They postponed making an award. This office prepared the plans and specifications.

Today we received a copy of an application to build a wind farm in Seneca and Sandusky Counties. It will have about sixty (60) turbine generators. They will have diameters ranging from 269 feet to 361 feet and will have a height of 500 – 600 feet. Construction is proposed to begin in the second quarter of next year and be completed in one year. Only four of the turbines will be located in Sandusky County. They will be south of Gardner Road between TR 276 and TR 302.

Construction of the NEXUS Pipeline is rapidly progressing. Pipe has been laid out from the east end of the County to approximately CR 66 (the Woodville Township line). Most of the joints are welded and most road bores have been completed. Some of the pipe has been laid and is being backfilled. The mainline joints are welded with automatic welders. Joints connecting the mainline pipe to the road bores are welded manually. For whatever reason, they had difficulty boring under CR 239. The first bore took a dive. It was supposed to be 14' deep and ended up 20' deep on the other side of the road. They moved to the east ten feet and didn't have any trouble. The foreman in charge of the first bore is no longer employed with Michels.

Be sure to remember friends and family that have passed away this Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. More importantly, enjoy the ones you still have!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The crew continues to make repairs and replace catch basins as needed on East State Street. Most of the minor repairs have been completed and we have moved onto replacing some of the old basins with new precast basins. Four new precast basins have already been installed. There is about eight more to go.

A crew spent a few days spot paving the new crossovers that were installed this year; four on Napoleon Rd, one on CR 30, and the emergency one on CR 117. From there, this crew moved over to CR 117 South, where we had a bank slip along the river. They placed about 100 tons of #1&2 stone along the bank and pushed some "I" Beams in the ground as guardrail post. We'll see what happens.

The mowers are out trying to keep up with the grass. The grass took a while to get going this year, but like always, the rain and temperatures come and you get way behind. The mowers are close to finishing up on the west side of the county, and will be mowing over east next week.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- Tile was repaired on CR 268
- Mowed around town, and our yard
- Guardrail repairs on Port Clinton Rd
- Brush was cut along Little Bark Creek and Ickes Ditch

FROM THE DRAINAGE COORDINATOR

Ditch Petitions

On Tuesday we added a 6th petition ditch to our current ditch log. The Winters Ditch was petitioned on January 3, 2018 and starts on TR 80, just North of CR 1, on the North side of the RR tracks. The ditch then heads through the Village of Burgoon heading NE crossing under TR 86, CR 13, SR 590, TR 100, TR 23, TR 31, CR12, goes along the side of TR 37 before crossing back under TR 31, SR 12, SR 53, and then entering into the Sandusky River. The Project is 8.1 miles long and has about 4,200 acres in its watershed. The Engineer's estimate on this project is \$560,000.00. There were about 30 people in all at the hearing on Tuesday, with about 5 outspoken against the project. Everyone had good points for, or against, the project.

At the end of the hearing, the Commissioners decided that the project was necessary, conducive to public welfare, had a good and sufficient outlet, and they were reasonably certain that the cost of the project will be less than the benefits. After determining that the ditch met the criteria, the Commissioners approved the project to move forward and we can begin plans and calculating assessments.

Hearings can be difficult to go through. The public does not always realize where their water goes or who may be affected by it. After talking to the property owners concerned, everyone understood the project. They may still not be happy that they have to pay for it, if it passes the Final Hearing, but they understood the project.