

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

Work started on Monday (July 12) modifying the office duct work in anticipation of the new A/C and air handling equipment. The new exhaust fan has been installed. The next big step will be to remove the existing units and install the new. During this time period, the office will be without A/C. Hopefully they will wait until the current heat wave passes. Temperatures are predicted to be around 90 degrees for the next week. In the meantime, the old system is still struggling to get by.

We are in the midst of the township paving bid season. Riley and Townsend have both bid their projects and Madison and Sandusky are up next week. Prices for asphalt are in the \$60 – 65 range. Kokosing bid Riley Township. They have taken over and upgraded the old Graffice/GLI asphalt plant in Woodville. It will be nice to have a new competitor to help keep prices in line.

Work is continuing on the installation of Fremont's raw water intake line on Buckland Avenue. We had to threaten to revoke the City's permit to work in our right-of-way unless their contractor, Underground Utilities, Inc. of Monroeville, put lights on their barricades. It didn't take long for them to conform. We are now dealing with temporary pavement. They did an absolute terrible job with what they laid earlier this week. That has all been removed now. Hopefully new asphalt will be place today and Buckland will be open between Tucker and South River Road.

ODOT has the Mud Creek Bridge on SR 635 closed for repairs. Their detour, of course, goes about fifty miles out of the way. Although that normally "works" (traffic still uses the shortest route over county roads), in this case the Millersville quarry was isolated do to load limits on our roads. We agreed to allow the use of CR 41 between 635 and 590 until the road is damaged. So far so good.

The Turnpike battle continues. They have received the soil investigation results. They are mailing us a copy today and we had to make another request to get this (they should have received the results two weeks ago). Supposedly the results are to be presented to the Commission next week. Mark and I intend to be at their meeting on Monday to see what they have to say. Our

video is nearing completion. I understand the producer of this has somehow made it available and has had considerable interest. We have requested some modifications and once those are made, we will also release it. In the meantime, what is available now has not been authorized or approved by us. We did push some I-beams in on CR 260 like we did on 128, but they didn't firm up like the ones on 128. Since 260 requires far more work than 128 did plus the fact it may not hold up on 260, we are not planning any work on 260 at this time. We never did hear from our insurance company or ODOT about closing 260.

## ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Rich Randolph	July 16 <sup>th</sup>	20 years
Dean Silva	July 23 <sup>rd</sup>	31 years

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Income

Income is slightly on the rise  
(January – June)

2010	\$2,158,410
2009	\$2,123,454

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well a whole month has gone by without a road report, so I hope everyone had a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend! You can definitely tell its July because its hotter than heck outside and as much as I wish and hope it will get cooler we still have a good month and a half, at least left of the hot weather. Even though it has been hot the guys have been keeping busy!

- County Roads, 198, 259, and 232 mailboxes have been finished up and mailboxes are done for the year.
- The second round of mowing was finished up this week and we taking a break before the next round.
- Cleaned up some trees around the county after a few heavy storms.
- Silt removal on CR 232 and CR 57 bridges.

- There has been a crew out on bridge repair for the last week.
- Tim R. leveled dirt on TR 256, Christy, and out on TR 59 dump site
- Sandblasted stop bars at 175 intersection.
- Started on Delmar lane drainage project
- 063 and 064 got new tires put on
- Laid block in the new wash bay

## **THINGS OF INTEREST**

### **FARMERS MARKET**

Downtown Fremont Front Street  
 Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
 Rain or Shine

### **“Going Home to Stay”**

#### **Family Support & Reentry Fair**

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010  
 Time: 10:00 – 2:00  
 Location: Sandusky County Job & Family Services, 2511 Countryside Dr., Fremont

### **American Legion**

Steve Sabo  
 Date Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Time: 8:30 pm  
 Location: 2000 Buckland Ave., Fremont  
 Cost: \$8.00 in advance \$10.00 at the door