

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

Welcome to the first edition of the Road Report for 2011. The Road Report is an attempt to keep all employees informed on what is going on. Hopefully articles by me, the Road Superintendent, the Office Manager and anyone else who wants to contribute will cover most things that are happening. In addition to employees it is sent to retirees and the County Commissioners. It is also available on our website for anyone to look at. It also serves as our annual report since it hopefully covers about everything of significance that transpires throughout the year. If something is overlooked or anyone has questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

The first day work for 2011 was on January 3 and also was the first day of work for Matt Reinhart. Matt is a civil engineer and previously worked for a consulting engineer in Columbus. Moving from Columbus to Fremont is a huge adjustment for Matt so I hope everyone will welcome Matt and help him get acquainted with Fremont and Sandusky County. Welcome Matt!!

I would like to thank everyone who is involved with snow removal. This involves a lot of hard work and long hours. It is the most important job we have. Without it, the County would come to a standstill and there would be countless accidents and injuries. It is very important, so keep up the good work!!

Plans for this year have not been completely finalized. We know in general what will be done, but until actual plans and estimates are done and we know for sure what grants we will be receiving, we won't know what specific projects will be completed. Right now I am confident we will be paving CR 11 and north end of 58 and all of CR 312 since we will be receiving federal funds for these. We also know we will be receiving an OPWC grant for CR's 107 and 117, but this project may be deferred to 2012. We applied for an OPWC grant to pave CR's 2, 82 and 169. It fell short of funding but it is near enough to the cutoff line it may be funded as other projects are completed and money returned to the District. We planned on seal coating some roads, but that is going to have to wait until we know for sure about grants since we may

need that money for matching funds. Paving CR 85 is another possibility.

The plan for bridges is more definite. We plan to replace the truss bridge on CR 128 north of Route 20 and the bridge over Bark Creek on TR 211—both by force account. We will use our own beams on 128 and steel beams on 211. We also intend to replace the deck on one the bridges on CR 232 north of the Turnpike.

Speaking of the Turnpike, our new State Representative Rex Damschroder expects to introduce the Bill making the Turnpike responsible for their overpasses next week. I've heard he has several co-sponsors onboard so hopefully it will fare better this time around.

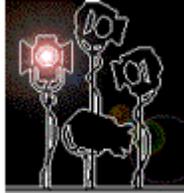
Yesterday Matt and I attended the monthly meeting of the Sandusky County Soil and Water Conservation District. I go there periodically just to keep in touch. I went there yesterday with the idea of introducing Matt. Much to my surprise we had quite a discussion on the possibility of returning ditch maintenance to our office. By law, ditch maintenance is the County Engineer's responsibility, but there is a provision it can be transferred to the SWCD. This has been done in Sandusky County since 1981. We mutually agreed to investigate this possibility. They will be holding their monthly meeting here on February 17<sup>th</sup>, and will tour our facilities. If anyone has any opinions or ideas on this either for or against, be sure to let me know.

I see the school up north has a new football coach. As an Ohio State fan I hate to see this change—their previous coach suited me just fine. On the bright side the excitement of the ole rivalry may return in the unlikely event they actually become competitive again. In the meantime I hope the OSU players will spend more time practicing and less time on EBay and getting tattoo's.

## ANNIVERSARY

(YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Jeff Dymond	January 20 <sup>th</sup>	24 years
Mark Auxter	January 22 <sup>nd</sup>	32 years
Chad Fisher	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 years



## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Employee: Matthew Reinhart  
Title: Civil Engineer, EIT  
Date Hired: January 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Spouse: Not yet  
Children: None  
Pets: Since my profile is boring so far I will at least claim to have a fish.  
Favorite Song: Friends in Low Places  
Hobbies: Staying active with all kinds of sports and anything Buckeye related.  
Claim to Fame: Participating in the "Mirror Lake Jump" every year of college at The Ohio State University during OSU vs. Michigan week.  
Pet Peeve: Noisy eaters

I feel very fortunate to be given this opportunity here at Sandusky County. I look forward to meeting more and more people throughout the county as my job progresses.

Matt

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Paychecks

There is a change in paychecks this time due to the federal tax tables and health insurance difference.

### Income

Income increased 2%

2010 \$4,311,907  
2009 \$4,216,437

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

So far it's been your typical January. Today is the 14<sup>th</sup> and we have spent half of those days in the trucks cleaning up the roads. We have also accomplished the following:

- Finish cleaning the ditch on C.R.32
- Cleaned the ditch on C.R.13 in front of the new Lakota School as far as we could go until they lower the drive pipe
- Started cleaning the ditches on C.R.13 at C.R.36 and Smith Road north of McGormley
- Ed finished mowing for the townships
- Brush is being cut on 052's route
- The sign shop was moved into the parts room with signs being stored in bldg.#1
- Spot berming was completed on 071 & 052's routes
- 984 is being prepared to be the new water truck
- Walls have been cleaned and painted in bldg#1
- Bldg #3 is being cleaned to make room for pallets
- Mailboxes were repaired
- And of course Dean and the midnight shift makes sure the trucks are ready to go when we need them.