

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The construction season is starting unusually early this year. Milling started on Monday, April 16th and paving started on CR 107 on Wednesday, April 18th. At this rate, we may be done before others bid their projects. Of course this puts the pressure on us to get all our preparation work done early too. The railroad approaches on CR 169 are already shaping up. We'll have one or two low areas on CR 117 to raise also. Of course we have a complete bridge to build on CR 82 too! It appears Kokosing Construction will be very cooperative. In exchange we need to get our work done as quickly as possible.

I met with Commissioners, Terra and Economic Development last week about possibly forming Transportation Improvement District (TID). The main purpose of this will be to obtain \$250,000 from ODOT to put towards either improving the Napoleon Road/SR 53 intersection or an entirely new Terra entrance. It was explained that this will be a working Board and their job will be to obtain other funds from other sources. Should be interesting. I have a follow up meeting with the Commissioners on Tuesday.

Dean Silva and I attended a surveying workshop at Ohio Northern University in Ada yesterday. This is the third year we have attended this. It is one of the better ones, but it has lost some of its luster. We both earned six hours of Continuing Ed out of the fifteen that is required each year.

Good luck to Shawn Jarrett as he leaves us to return to civilian life. I hate to see Shawn leave, but I certainly understand and respect that he has a very successful private business going. Again, good luck Shawn and thanks for the tee shirts!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Perry Hill	April 29 th	10 years
Eric Wheatley	April 29 th	10 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

House Bill 66

House Bill 66, which takes effect May 4, 2012, made changes to the Auditor of State's fraud hotline and requires public employers to notify their employees of the hotline. Information is posted in the ready room.

Job Opening

We are currently accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker, deadline for applications is April 27th or until position is filled. Applications are available at www.sandusky-county.org "Employment Opportunities".

Third Annual Health/Benefit Fair

Free to county employees a health screening on May 14th. The screening will be a non-fasting or fasting finger stick to measure total blood cholesterol levels, HDL (good cholesterol) and glucose (blood sugar levels). They will also measure height, weight, body mass index, waist circumference and blood pressure. There will be local vendors participating in the health fair that will have services available to assist in maintaining a healthy life style. Included with your paycheck is information, since we are not enrolled in the county plan this is only offered to employees. If interested, please use sign-up sheet posted in the ready room by April 30th.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

First off I would like to wish Shawn well as he leaves us to go back to his tree business. He has been a great employee and we wish you well.

Christy Road Washout

I beams were pushed into the ground and guardrail was welded to those beams making a barrier wall. Unsure what was going on there, we tried this approach. A week later now, no slipping has occurred. Lets hope we have this problem taken care of.

RY 232-3.19 Bridge

This bridge job is coming along nicely. The beams were set last week and grouted the following day. The north side is pretty well cleaned up and banks were lined with rock. Next week we will start on the south side cleanup, waterproof the deck, and then we should be ready for it to be paved. Looking good.

Road Maintenance

- Mailboxes on CR 169, 107, and 85 were moved back as needed.
- Mowed areas on CR 85 for paving.
- Crack sealed on CR 92.
- Started Railroad crossing approach on CR 169.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Areas around town were mowed plus our yard.
- Trash pick up around the county in front of the mowers.
- Office vehicles washed.