

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

All of the contracts have now been awarded to the lowest bids received last week. Combined these contracts exceed \$1.1 million. Some were higher than the estimates and some were lower, but when everything is added up, according to my calculations, the total was within \$7,000 of what was in the budget. That means that everyone who was involved with this process, which includes about everyone in the office, did an excellent job. Congratulations and thanks to everyone for a job well done!

Based on these bids, the cost of paving a road is now \$87,000 a mile and the cost of seal coating, \$21,000 per mile. Actually I hate the thoughts of seal coating our beautiful asphalt roads, but it is almost a necessity to preserve the overall integrity of our roads. This would be especially true if the price of asphalt were to spike again like it did a couple of years ago.

It will be good to get the office HVAC system functioning properly. In spite of the efforts of different employees over the years, the system has never been right. That coupled with the fact the system is now 35 years old and is starting to wear out makes it an opportune time to bite the bullet and get it done once and for all (hopefully!). In fact that will bring all our buildings and grounds up to snuff. The only major improvements in the foreseeable future would be another 10,000 gallon diesel tank and finish reconstructing the yard.

The new tandems should be done in August which is about the same time the new backhoes are scheduled to arrive.

These bids conclude our major projects for the year. We still have the replacement of numerous culverts and construction of the TR 211 bridge to consider. These could be deferred if our income takes an unexpected nose dive. As you can see from Kris's figures, our income is down from last year, but not as low as expected. So far overall expenses are also in line with estimates. I believe the accounts we need to watch are fuel (do your part and avoid unnecessary idling), parts and utilities. Of course all of this can change pretty rapidly, but for now at least it is "steady as she goes".

Thanks for the card for my surgery last week. I am happy to report it went very well. After a little therapy, I should be ready to enter some arm wrestling contests!

CONTRACTS AWARDED

Resurfacing of County Roads 57 & 232 –
The low bidder is M & B Asphalt, Inc. in the amount of \$708,694.30. This project is contingent on receiving an Issue 2 grant from Ohio Public Works Commission. The State's fiscal year begins on July 1; we will proceed with awarding at that time.

2010 Seal Coating of Various County Roads-

The low bidder is Henry W. Bergman, Inc. in the amount of \$157,838.00

Truck Equipment Packages-

The low bidder is Judco, Inc. in the amount of \$86,000.00.

2010 Surface Repair of Various Bridges-

The low bidder is Great Lakes Concrete Restoration, Inc. in the amount of \$70,585.00.

HVAC System Improvement-

The low bidder is Marlin White & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$108,885.00.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tom Morrison	April 9 th
Chad Fisher	April 11 th
Steve Fisher	April 28 th
Tim Reed	May 4 th

ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Perry Hill	April 29 th	8 years
Eric Wheatley	April 29 th	8 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income

Income is slightly down from last year (January – March):

2010	\$1,061,681
2009	\$1,068,763

Medical Mutual

Have you received a bill from a medical provider that you thought should be covered under insurance? Before writing out that check be sure to look over your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). If you have any questions, call Stan Manbeck, Agent 419-483-0001, customer service 1-800-272-6967, visit MedMutual.com or I can always check into it for you. Myself, along with others have received doctor/hospital bills for procedures that should have been covered at no cost/no deductible.

Medco

At medco.com you can refill your prescriptions/check the status and shop at Medco Health Store (nonprescription) drug store for personal items, right now you can get \$10 off your first order by using coupon code MHS10 and shipping is \$.99.

Rite Aid Pharmacy

Attached is a voucher to: Rite Aid Pharmacy to receive Prilosec OTC (30 day supply) at no cost to you.

Health/Benefit Fair

Free to county employees a health screening. The screening will be a non-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 information for employees regarding services available to assist in maintaining a healthy life styles. If interested, sign-up by April 28th.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

- It's been 4 weeks since the last road report and a lot has happened since then.
- The midnight shift came to days.
- The brush crew finished the town routes and other routes over east.
- The ditch on CR 41 is about done.
- Berms have been drug.
- Catch basin was replaced on Brush Street.
- The cluster ---- of culverts on Christy Road was figured out and replaced after a couple mismarked cables were cut.
- Guardrail was repaired on CR 30 and on CR 53 north.
- Dirt was leveled and reseeded at various spots around the county.

- Pot holes and pavement edges were repaired.
- Mechanics have been repairing equipment, going over tractors, and building the welding table.
- Signs are being replaced from night inspection.
- The restroom and locker room of bldg#1 were cleared out and the lockers were put in bldg#9 and bldg#3, along with other cleaning.
- Various landscape and yard cleanup was done around bldge#2 and bldg#11.
- Counters and file cabinets are being installed in superintendant's office.

THINGS OF INTEREST

Clyde Fireman Association

Chicken Barbecue

April 25, 2010

Rt. 20 Fire Station, Clyde Ohio

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

\$8.00 eat in or take out

Purchase tickets from any Clyde Fireman or at the Door

The Wonders of Their Works

A Tribute to the Great Master Composers & the American Spiritual

Concerts – 2 Locations

Saturday, April 24, 7:30 PM

Port Clinton Performing Arts Center

821 Jefferson Street, Port Clinton

Sunday, April 25, 4:30 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Church

702 Croghan Street, Fremont

The Toledo Symphony

Friday, April 30th at 7:30 PM

Clyde High School Auditorium

All seats reserved- Tickets \$20.00

Tickets sales: 419-547-0588

Heartbeat of Fremont

Walk for Life

Saturday, May 8th

Registration 8:30 AM – Walk at 9:00 AM

www.friendsofheartbeat.org

