

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Bids for painting Tindall Bridge were opened yesterday. They ranged from a low of \$726,500 to a high of \$1,599,000. Carlos is busy checking out the low bidder before a contract is awarded next week. Reliant Enterprises of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, the low bidder, is currently painting several bridges on I-280 for ODOT. Matt and Carlos have also been busy preparing the plans for the structural repairs that need to be made to the bridge before it is painted. This project should be bid next month.

Since we are getting federal funds for the Tindall Bridge, we are required to hire a qualified firm to inspect the work. Carlos and I met with one prospect last week by the name of GPI. One of their representatives was Dan Castrigano. Dan retired recently as the Chief Engineer of the Ohio Turnpike and is now Vice President of GPI. It was interesting talking with Dan from a slightly different perspective.

Speaking of the Turnpike, we received the plans for the CR 260 overpass last week. They have been approved subject to a few changes. They intend to bid this project in the very near future.

I have met with the Commissioners, Parks Department, and Ballville regarding the maintenance of the Mull Covered Bridge. It looks like a new agreement will be adapted that will split the costs of any repairs in excess of \$5,000 equally among these entities. There is some work that needs to be done immediately (namely repairing the roof), but all other work would be combined into a major rehab project estimated to cost nearly \$400,000. Hopefully, most of this cost will be covered by the National Historic Covered Bridge Program next year.

It looks like the Commissioners will be proceeding with the formation of a TID (Transportation Improvement District). This is being done by the request of Terra for the purpose of obtaining \$250,000 from ODOT for their new entrance. Since this is being done for Terra's benefit, they should be doing the bulk of the leg work involved with its operation. Terra is also considering modifications to their Napoleon Road entrance. They should be hiring a consultant for the design. Depending on the design and

associated cost, we may be involved with this project yet this year.

Next week we should be doing something we haven't done too much of the past few years and that is to dig for a section corner. This one is on CR 198 north of the Turnpike. If a stone isn't found, Dean Silva has gathered enough information that we will set a monument where we think the original stone was set. Hopefully, this will lead to more of this type of work in the future. Fifty (50) cast iron monument boxes have been ordered for this purpose.

I talked to the County Clerk of Courts Tracy Overmyer recently about why the money we receive from fines is on a major decline. The problem may be with how law enforcement agencies are coding citations. If they use a State Code, we get a share. If they use a Village Code, the Village gets it all. She assured me all of the County's computer systems that track this are functioning properly, and she will continue to monitor.

We have run into a problem with the finish of the asphalt Kokosing has laid on CR 169 east of TR 28. Due to a defective screed extension, the northern edge of the mat is segregated. We will be meeting with Kokosing representatives next week to see what they are going to do about it. The extension has been replaced and the paving has been completed on 169 and 2. The 169 railroad crossing came out great and what an improvement to CR 2! This project extended north to SR 163.

Have great weekend! The weather forecast is fantastic—sunny and 80'S!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dean Silva

May 22nd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

(Years of County Employment)

Jimmy Sanford May 22nd

17 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January - April

2012 \$1,421,357

2011 \$1,431,502

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

Culverts on CR. 82 and on CR. 151 have now been replaced with concrete pipe. Crews spent the past few days cleaning up and paving these culverts. We still have a few mailboxes to set back on CR. 82. Once the mailboxes are completed, we will be moving to CR. 117 to finish replacing culverts on the north end and also setting back mailboxes.

WA. 82-0.59 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

This week we closed down CR. 82 to replace the WA. 82-0.59 bridge. We have had a "ROCKY" start to this project. The gas company has been trying to move their line for about three days now. They have been trying to bore a new line deeper than the bridge, but they are running into bed rock that they can not seem to get through. After three days of boring and not getting anywhere, they decided to just run a temporary line out and around the east side of the bridge. We are now able to start removing the old structure. While the gas company was working on their project our guys were able to get all the steel tied for both footers.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- More dirt work was done on CR. 169 at the rail road before the top layer of asphalt was put down.
- CR. 201 shoulder was cleaned up.
- Ditch spoils were leveled in the field on Cr. 239.
- Don Hovis cleaned ditches on CR. 12 and Cr. 247.
- WO.2-0.30 bridge was water proofed.
- Dead trees were removed along Christy Rd.
- Road cut on west side was finished and crews are now working over east.
- Areas around town were mowed.
- Office was cleaned.

IN THE SHOP

Jeff and Andy are hard at it. Andy has been busy with the daily mowing services. We received our newest tandem dump trucks from Judco this week. Jeff and Andy have been looking them over and making sure everything is good to go on them. They are also keeping up with services and repairs.

SIGN SHOP

Perry has been busy the past few weeks setting up and tearing down road closure barricades for bridge waterproofing on CR. 2 and 85, CR. 169 railroad approach, CR. 232 bridge, and now the CR. 82 bridge. He has also been working on green signs and other misc. signs that come up.