

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

There have been several changes since I last contributed to the Road Report. Congratulations to Jenna and John Sommers on the birth of their son on July 7th. Also, Welcome aboard to Tony Miller who started on July 5th. Also we are missing one employee due to a work related injury and we wish Eric Wheatley a speedy recovery.

On Monday I attended a meeting about the Turnpike in Toledo at which Governor Kasich and the Director of ODOT Jerry Wray discussed the leasing of the Turnpike. Their minds are made up, in my Opinion; the Turnpike will be leased. They expect to receive RFP's (request for proposals) around the first of the year. They gave little indication how the money generated from this would be disbursed. Someone pointed out the obvious, that is, us in northern Ohio have been paying tolls that built the Turnpike. The Governor's response to that was that we have only paid 10%. To me that indicates someone has been doing some research and I suspect they have an idea how the money would be distributed, but you can draw your own conclusions. I do think it is important we make sure everything that is important to Sandusky County is included in the criteria RFP.

We held a disappointing public open house on 26th with only 29 people attending. All I can say is we made our facilities available and we've got the place looking great!! We'll have to think long and hard about going to the expense and trouble for another one in the future if the public isn't interested anyhow.

We did have good attendance at our annual Trustee meeting on July 21st. Our meeting was followed by the Trustees' normal quarterly meeting. Both were well attended and I heard many compliments about our facilities. State Representative Rex Damschroder was here also and had the nickel tour. The Executive Director of the Ohio Township Association was the featured speaker at the Trustees' meeting.

On the work side everything is in full swing now. Our two bridges are progressing nicely, work is being done on all three of our paving contracts, concrete repairs are being

made on numerous bridges and the culvert replacement project is scheduled to start Monday.

Thanks to everyone for working through the recent heat wave. Just like the winter and spring, summer has been another season of extremes. I have heard this July is the second hottest on record, but just like the record snow falls last winter, this too will soon pass.

CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO JOHN & JENNA It's a Boy!!

Name: Jaxon John
Height: 19 ¾ inches
Weight: 8 lbs 14 oz
Date: Thursday, July 7th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (YEARS OF COUNTY EMPLOYMENT)

Rich Randolph	July 16 th	21 yrs
Dean Silva	July 23 rd	32 yrs
Duane Reese	August 2 nd	30 yrs

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison
(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)
January – June

2011	\$2,144,382
2010	\$2,158,411

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It's been four weeks since the last road report and we have had a lot go on in that time, including two open houses.

I want to wish Eric a speedy recovery after his surgery. With both you and Dave gone it is too quiet around here. We wish you well!

Congratulations to Jenna and John on the addition of Jaxon John to their family, born July 7th. GOOD LUCK

We hired another new employee. Tony Miller started July 5th. Welcome aboard.

I want to thank everyone for working in this heat. As of yesterday it is the 2nd hottest July on record.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

SA211-0.41

We poured the West footer, abutment, and both back walls. Everything is painted and is being backfilled. Once it is backfilled and the channel is cleaned out we will be able to set the beams, which are all blasted and painted, and then everyone's favorite, nailing down the wooden deck.

SA128-2.80

We closed this bridge July 13th. The north footer is in and they poured the north abutment yesterday. After stripping, sealing and painting this abutment, they should get to remove the existing South footer late next week. **GOOD JOB TO EVERYONE INVOLVED IN BOTH BRIDGES!!**

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mailboxes were moved back and the approaches were improved on C.R.312 for paving.
- Two catch basins were repaired on C.R.312 at the Turnpike.
- The guardrail was repaired on River St. at Siler after accident.
- Mowing is continuing on the west side of the county. They should finish the road cut in a couple days and then will turn around and finish mowing everything. It's slow going but they are getting thru it.
- Cleaned up tree limbs from storms mainly in Ballville & Jackson Townships.

YARD

- Jeff and Andy have kept everything going and Perry is trying to keep up with the info signs.
- The yard was given a good cleaning.

THINGS OF INTEREST

Farmer's Market Begins
When: Saturday, July 30th
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Where: Downtown Fremont, Front Street