

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The construction season is winding down, but some of our biggest jobs are ramping up!

Painting Tindall Bridge started Wednesday, September 5th, with the installation of hangers that will support the enclosure. In the meantime, our team of welders continues to make structural repairs. We'll continue to do this as long as possible, but time is running short.

Repairs to the State Street Bridge are scheduled to begin on Monday, September 10th. Once this important project is done, the bridge won't look any different from the street, but from a boat it should look great. Surface repairs are being made, and both of the entire bridge faces will be sealed. This should stop the existing concrete spalling and prevent more in the future. The work is more cosmetic and preventative than structural.

We only have two major projects of our own remaining—the replacement of a small bridge in Scott Township with reinforced concrete pipe and a large corrugated metal pipe arch in Woodville Township with a box culvert. It's only September, but if we don't hit them hard, we could run out of weather before we're done.

All other force account and contract projects are substantially complete with some minor exceptions.

“Force account” projects are once again under scrutiny by the Ohio General Assemble (most likely brought on by the Ohio Contractor's Association). They can say what they will, but certainly Sandusky County is much better off as a result of force account (work done by County employees). So, once again, thanks to all employees, both present and past, that have made this possible! Taxpayers in Sandusky County may not know it, but they owe you a big “thank you!” I look forward to delivering this message in the upcoming “fall campaign tour”.

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – August

2012 - \$2,835,858

2011 - \$2,834,103

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

TINDALL BRIDGE

Welding still continues on Tindall Bridge. The contractors have also moved in this week to start prepping the bridge for sandblasting and painting. Our crew will keep working until the contractors tell us we can't go any more. Tim and his crew have completed the concrete repairs on the east seat and back wall. The walls were stripped, sealed, painted, and backfilled. Next, we will get the east and west approaches paved. A big thanks to everyone involved.

RY.265-2.55 BOX CULVERT

Another big job in the books. Mark and his crew moved in on August 27th. They removed the old bridge beams, dug out the silt, put stone in to grade, and were ready for boxes on August 30th. B & W set the boxes, which went well. Boxes were then waterproofed, hole backfilled, and ditches were filled and cleaned up. Today, they will be putting in a base course of asphalt and doing some minor clean up. We should have the road open by the end of the day. Nice Job Everyone!

BRIDGE WATERPROOFING

We have had quite a few bridges to waterproof the past two weeks for the township paving contract. The bridge on TR135, three bridges on Baker Rd., and a bridge on TR 55 were all sealed up.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Mowing continues on west side of the county.
- Concrete was poured for C.B. lid and bottom for SC.10-1.99.
- Pavement ground down on CR 175 at culvert.
- Yard was mowed.
- Spots around town were mowed.
- Offices were cleaned.