

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

We opened bids yesterday for two paving contracts for next year. Five contractors bid on both jobs with M & B being low on both. The total for both contracts is a little over \$1.1 million. One contract is for 92 and 109, and the other is for parts of 247, 260 and 268. M & B's price for asphalt was \$57 a ton on the 92 and 109 job and \$58.50 for the other contract. Their price this year for 178, 181 and 198 was \$58 a ton and on 12, 39 and 132 was \$58.50, so it is nice not to have any major price increases. Hopefully CR 41 will be the next project we bid, but a date has not yet been set.

The District 5 Integrating Committee met this past Tuesday to approve Round 28 projects. We should receive a \$175,000 grant to widen CR 175. Other Sandusky County grant recipients include Fremont, Clyde, the Sanitary Engineer, and a Township project that includes Jackson, Madison, Washington, and Woodville Townships.

Last week Matt R. and I attended a presentation about "two stage" ditch construction in Findlay. This procedure has certain environmental benefits, but it does consume more land because of a wider channel. Matt has submitted the Alley Ditch plans to see what it would look like with this procedure.

Although the deadline has passed, the 2014 budget has not been finalized so it's not too late to submit suggestions for anything you think we need or should consider purchasing. Our budget hearing with the Commissioners is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> so everything will have to be finalized by then.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Kris Foreman    November 20<sup>th</sup>    24 years

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### THANKSGIVING

Closed day after Thanksgiving.

### HEALTH INSURANCE

2014 Hospitalization  
Medical Mutual – SuperMed PPO

Payroll Deduction – 6.5%

Employee	\$17.07
Employee/Spouse	\$34.15
Employee/Children	\$32.88
Employee/Spouse/Child	\$40.32
Family	\$49.95

New ID insurance cards will be mailed to your home in December –discard old ID cards.

**Anyone wanting to change their policy (adding/removing) family members, please let me know by November 22<sup>nd</sup> – date changed due to budget purposes.**

### FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (BENNY CARD)

Check the website [www.mybenny.com](http://www.mybenny.com) or call 1-877-810-2600 to check your account balance. Unspent funds will not be carried over, nor will funds be reimbursed to you. Keep your Benny Card; you will use it for 2014. When using the Benny card, remember to select "credit" when asked "credit or debit".

### UNITED WAY

United Way Pledge Cards are now available and payroll deduction or a one-time donation can be made. Why invest in United Way? Your donation (large or small), touches the lives of Sandusky County residents. Invest in your community, invest in yourself... you will never know when you or your family will need the help of a United Way Funded Agency or Program. As a donor, you can be assured that 100% of your donation stays here in Sandusky County. **Please return form by December 6th.**

### GUARDIAN LIFE AND DENTAL

Sandusky County offers dental and life insurance through Guardian, open enrollment is in December.

# **FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT**

## **ROAD MAINTENANCE**

- Crack sealing was finished on CR 106. Crew has now moved to CR 308.
- Mowing east was completed with the exception of a few back banks and mowing requests from the Townships.
- Mowers are now on the west side of the county mowing the back banks along with the boom mower mowing the deep ditches.
- The last bit of channel and bank work is being completed on CR 247.
- Stumps that were ground by Jarrett Tree Service were cleaned up and seeded.
- We are in the process of setting a ditch back on CR 182. With that, the culvert under Twp. 157 was also moved back to line up with the new ditch.
- We have also been demoing excavators on this project. So far, we have had a CAT mini, and now we are trying out a CAT 324, comparable to our current KOBELCO. We are still looking at bringing a few more demos in to try in the near future.
- Snow plow trucks were hooked up and gone over.
- Plow trucks went out for the first time this year on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> for some icy bridges, over passes, and roads.
- New wood deck and wiring are being installed on the dovetail trailer.