

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Congratulations to all employees for surviving this past winter and thanks for making the roads as safe as possible for the public!

I hope you enjoy today's celebration—you earned it!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Rick Villarreal March 29th
Matt Reinhart April 3rd

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January - February

2014 \$682,617
2013 \$675,029

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Spring is officially here! Someone needs to send the memo to Mother Nature though. 50 degree temperatures are predicted for today, but as I am writing this there is a pretty good snow shower going on. It has to get warm and stay warm one of these days. Doesn't it?

Another significant snow storm hit our area last week. With the combination of wet snow, falling temperatures, and strong winds, this made roadways very hazards to be on. There were numerous accidents all around the area, tying up traffic many times and many hours. Another snow storm to add to the many of 2014.

With snow hopefully behind us, we have started with some construction projects this week. Crews have started installing 36" RCP on Fangboner Rd. We are going to enclose about 550 ft. of ditch on the west side of Fangboner. The guys moved right along this week with about 200 ft. of pipe and one catch basin installed already.

Next step will be hauling the dirt from CR. 294 and 247 to finish the enclosure. Also this week the first set of bridge beams were poured and stripped for RY 226-0.61. Next week they will be moved out and be getting ready for the next pour.

FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

Due to this harsh winter, we haven't been able to tackle some of our projects that we had projected to start this winter. However, this week, we saw some relief and we were able to start the Fangboner Ditch project. Our crews have installed approximately 166' of pipe and a catch basin. We still have 383' of 36" pipe and two catch basins to go. The challenge with this project is the depth of the ditch, and the limited room for construction.

In the office, we've been busy putting together estimates and paving plans for the various townships OPWC paving project. This project is set to open bids on April 16th. Also, some of the townships began submitting their roads for engineer's estimates so that they can decide which roads to pave this year. The CR 41 paving project will also be going out to bids on May 1st. Guys have been also working on drainage requests, ditch petitions, federal grants and more.

As we celebrate the first full day of Spring, we will never forget the winter of 2013-2014. We can honestly say that we hope that we don't see another winter like that for a long time. Hopefully winters like that do not become the norm. I sincerely would like to thank the guys and girl in the Hwy. Dpt. for their hard work and dedication this winter. I also would like to thank the guys in the back office for helping with snow removal and running the radio as needed. We would also like to thank Jim for helping us celebrate the end of winter with some delicious summer food today. Thanks, also goes out to Jenna for doing all the preparation for the party.

Happy first day of Spring everyone, and keep up the good work!!!