

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

The County Commissioners officially approved an additional \$5 permissive license tax on August 21<sup>st</sup>. They held their meeting at the “Meeting Place” in the log cabin area on the Fairgrounds, shortly after the opening of this year’s Fair. This will go into effect January 1, 2020. It should generate about \$300,000 annually for our Department.

Speaking of the Fair, thanks to Jenna for organizing our display and Perry and crew for setting it up and tearing it down.

Jenna and I attended the Ohio Drainage Expo at the Auglaize County Fairgrounds in Wapakoneta on August 15<sup>th</sup>. There were very interesting presentations about plastic pipe (*make sure trenches are wide enough and backfilled entirely with stone!*), seeding and spraying. It was nice to see a young crowd interested in drainage!

While we were in Wapakoneta, we swung by and saw our new Western Star trucks. They are very impressive! Since then Jim, Remington and Jimmy have brought them here for inspection and delivered them to Judco for installation of the boxes, hydraulics and all the other necessary equipment. Hopefully they will be ready for winter. We will be getting rid of the 2005 Internationals. Jackson Township is interested in one and we will probably sell the other one on GovDeals.

For all practical purposes, the NEXUS pipeline installation is complete. Carlos and I have been out twice with them to mark the needed road repairs. They were supposed to have started the first of August and then it was the middle of August and now it’s the middle of September. I am not sure of why the delay, but if they don’t get going real soon and keep at it, the work won’t be completed until next year.

Don’t forget about your suggestions for new equipment for next year. So far a loader and a roller have been suggested. Also, renovations to our wash bay which would include an underbody wash. All good ideas—keep ‘em comin’!!

*Have an enjoyable Labor Day weekend and look forward to cooler weather!*

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

It has been busy as usual here! The Excavator Crew removed a large log jam under Doby Bridge. They then moved to TR 181 near TR 195 where we replaced a double run of 48” RCP with a single run of Elliptical Pipe equivalent to a 66” RCP. To set the pipe we rented Madison Motor’s large wrecker. This can be a great tool for pipe jobs when a crane is too large for a project. The excavator has now moved up to CR 65 west of CR 66 where we will be relocating a ditch away from the road.

Seems like the grass and weeds have taken off again with the recent rains. Mowing crews are back out on the west side of the county.

Jim and Remington are working on services and repairs as needed. Our vehicle inspection will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>, so if you see anything that needs repaired, please get it written up so it can be attended to.

### Miscellaneous Work

- Sealing & Painting Pre-Stress Beams
- Sandblasting & Painting on JA. 72-1.5
- Removing Brush on CR 65 (where the ditch will be relocated)
- Cleaning a Roadside Ditch on CR 32 south of SR 6 with the Mini Excavator

*Hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Labor Day weekend!*

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### Budget

If you know of something that needs replaced, or repaired...let Chad know. If you are considering Retirement or Health Insurance Policy changes in 2019, please let me know soon.