

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

We have received a preliminary list of the District 5 SCIP and LTIP projects for Round 26. Sandusky County didn't fare too well. We received no LTIP grants and only three SCIP- Clyde, us, and the townships. Our application is for resurfacing CR's 12 and 39. The township application for paving is a combination of several townships for various roads. This list has not been formally approved yet and I am sure ratings will be scrutinized in the meantime. LTIP ratings were particularly high with a cutoff of 107, last year it was 101. We are still in line for funding for CR's 2, 82 and 169 from Round 25, but with each passing day, that becomes less of a possibility.

The TR 226 Turnpike overpass is now open. We had a walk through inspection on October 11th. My biggest objection was the condition of the asphalt curbs. Sections are very poorly done and they stick out from the face of the guardrail and could therefore be wiped out by a snow plow. We were informed the curbs weren't necessary because the embankment is free draining. I asked that be put into the minutes of the meeting, which it was. The Township said they would not replace any curb that was damaged. The TR 222 overpass is to be closed at noon today due to its poor condition.

The work related to Fremont's new reservoir on South River Road is coming to a close. It appears they have provided an adequate outlet for the water from the pumping station, but the water from the reservoir area itself may still need some attention. The objection is to prevent runoff now being directed to the road from actually reaching the road.

We have now had the view and the preliminary hearing for the Cedar Ridge Ditch which is the first petitioned ditch we have had in quite awhile. Ironically, the pipe that is too high and probably prompted the need for the petition was lowered the same day as the hearing!

The latest "subdivision" has also been completed. Although it is a subdivision, the biggest portion of it is the road itself. The road is an extension of the previously accepted Hampton Court leading to the Hampton Inn. One of the purposes of

the extension is to accommodate the new Holiday Inn Express currently under construction.

On Tuesday October 18th we opened bids for guardrail on CR 117 and equipment for the two new tandems that have been ordered. Lake Erie Construction was the only bidder for the guardrail at \$97,275. Hopefully that will be completed before the end of the year. Newell Equipment was low on the trucks, but we recommended the bid be awarded to Judco since Newell has not completed the single axles which had a completion date of October 1st. Judco's bid of \$90,000 was \$344 more than Newell's.

I think every business should give something back to community in which they operate. Our operation is no different, but it's more difficult for a government operation to give back, especially one like ours that is countywide. We cannot make direct cash payments, and we need to do something that benefits the whole county and not just one community. That's one of the reasons we do work at the county fairgrounds. What I am getting at is the United Way. This is the time of the year for their annual fund raising drive. In general, Sandusky County has been a very poor contributor when compared to private businesses. Work at the fairgrounds comes from our budget and not from individuals.

United Way is different; contributions come from employees and not the County. I would encourage all employees to consider contributing. Contributions as low as \$1 per pay check can be deducted automatically. Although we all could use more money, overall we have it pretty good as county employees. I don't think it would hurt any of us to give a little to an organization that sooner or later that will most likely benefit about everyone or everyone's family in the county. I hope all our employees will seriously consider becoming donors.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shawn Jarrett

October 25th

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

THANKSGIVING

If you are planning on taking the day after Thanksgiving off, please submit vacation request.

INCOME COMPARISON

(License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

2011 \$3,191,900

2010 \$3,252,649

BUDGET

Jim and I are working on the 2012 budget. Anyone considering retiring in 2012 please let me know.

FLEXIBLE SPENDING ENROLLMENT

Flexible Spending Account open enrollment is in December. This plan may (depending on interest) be offered again for 2012. Anyone who is considering signing up please let me know.

UNITED WAY

United Way Pledge Cards are now available, payroll deduction or a one-time donation can be made.

Why invest in United Way? Your donation no matter how large or small touches the lives of 52% of Sandusky County residents.

That's right, your donation reaches out and helps approximately 31,500 children and adults. 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 forms by December 8th.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

I want to thank Mark Auxter for filling in for Chad and I while we were both off!

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Finally, after all the rain and through wet conditions, the guys were able to finish the clean up around the bridge. All the excess dirt was hauled out. The channel was cleaned out and rip rap placed on the banks. A ditch was cut on the south east corner, and the rest of the guard rail was installed.

JOB WELL DONE!!!

IN THE SHOP

Jeff and Andy are catching up with their services and repairs. With help from Steve P. the dump box was taken off of 933 and installed onto 953. 971 was also stripped, cleaned, and hauled to its new home in Bellevue.

SIGN SHOP

Perry and his crew are keeping up with the sign repairs in between putting signs up for the sign grant. They were also able to switch the old traffic lights at E. State St. and the shopping center to the new and brighter LED lights. Now we will compare the electric use between the old lights and the new LED lights to see if it will pay to switch our other traffic lights to LED.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Roads were run for high water.
- Ceiling tiles were replaced in building #2 that were needed.
- Berming on CR 32 was finished, and now started on CR 1.
- The new pickups and dump trucks were washed and waxed.
- Washout on CR 90 was repaired from the high water.
- Drainage tiles were repaired on CR 232 and CR 312
- Catch basin was rebuilt on E. State St.
- The culvert on CR. 90 was paved.
- Steel has been cut for CR 232 bridge work.
- Culverts are being replaced on CR 117.
- Culverts on the inspectors list are being repaired.
- Wo56-1.20 and Ja31-0.25 were waterproofed for paving.
- Misc. spot berming on 061's route and washouts.

MOWING

The west side of the county is done except C.R.41 between S.R.590 and C.R.132. The boom mower went out last week and is working in the northwest part of the county. If the crops ever come off we will be able to finish the back banks.

SALT

We got in 1,000 tons of salt which filled the salt shed to about 1/2 capacity; we have another 3,000 tons to get by the end of April.

THINGS OF INTEREST

Madcap Puppets

“Jack and the Gentle Giant”

When: Saturday, October 22nd

Time: 7:30 p.m

Tickets: \$7.00 adults

\$3.00 children over 3 yrs.

Tickets pre-sale date:

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Time: 10:00 am until 11:00 am

Clyde High School auditorium box
office

Ticket Sales:

Clyde-Green springs Board of
Education office 419-547-0588

Pumpkin Rolls for Sale

Where: Hayes United Methodist
Church

Cancer Benefit

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011

Where: Fremont Eagles Aerie 712

Time: 1:00 pm

Tickets: \$10.00 at the door