

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

It's been quite a winter. It started out early in November and then was all but nonexistent in December. Then came January with extremely cold temperatures and plenty of snow. As usual, snow events occur on the weekends and after hours, resulting in over \$22,000 in overtime on Payroll #3. The latest event on Tuesday, February 12th, was, in my opinion, one of the worst things that can happen — ICE! Thanks to early response and continual work by our road crew, it wasn't too bad on county roads. As a show of appreciation, and since there was less overtime, in spite of the fact of starting at 1:30 in the morning, the crew will be awarded with an early out Friday afternoon. THANKS!

Since this could very well be my last Road Report as County Engineer, bear with me as I recap the last 34 years in a couple of sentences. All elected officials seem to say, at some point, what an honor it is to serve the public. I'll have to admit, I didn't really know what that meant until it dawned on me not too long ago that the public has trusted me to decide what bridges to replace, what roads to pave and how to spend their money for a long time. It truly has been an honor. I have worked with nineteen County Commissioners, about twenty other County elected officials and I don't know how many Township Trustees and Clerks/Fiscal Officers, and over a hundred employees. It hasn't always been easy or popular and I hope I haven't offended anyone too much. My sincere thanks to all these dedicated individuals. I hope I did better than "good enough" — you be the judge. It's not always popular and sometimes downright embarrassing to be a government employee, but I encourage everyone to keep up the good work. It's something the public needs if they realize it or not. I hope you will do better than "good enough".

*So, for one last time...
KQW four four nine clear!*



FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Weather has still been the subject here lately. One day is in the 20's, the next may be in the 50's, then back to the 20's. Half inch of rain one day, one inch of snow the next... and high winds too! It's been tough to get anything going out on the road. The brush crew gets out when the weather is good. Pot holes get filled in as needed. When the weather has not been so great, crews work in the yard cleaning buildings, washing and waxing equipment, and making needed repairs.

As far as snow and ice control goes, I would like to thank everyone for their dedication this year, especially Monday night into Tuesday morning, when we came in at 1:30 AM for the freezing rain. It gets to be tough running on only a couple hours of sleep, and trying to concentrate on the roads.

Another big project that the guys have been working on is updating our green signs. Quite a few townships have now been completed (Rice, Sandusky, Washington, Madison, and Scott). Jackson Township is half way completed after installation, plus, Perry is working on printing out signs for Woodville Township. Also, the sign shop guys installed the new school zone lights for Lutz School yesterday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

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February 22nd

Reminder: This Department will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019.

