

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Hard to believe that summer is almost over. However; we still have one more paving project to complete this year. Rich, Rick, and I had a Zoom Pre-Con meeting with Kokosing this past week to discuss the Various County Road Project (Hayes, Third, Siler, Cleveland, Buckland). According to their schedule, Kokosing is planning to start milling these roads on September 8th. It will take them about a week to mill the roads and about two weeks to pave them. We stressed to them that we expect a quality job and pointed out some of their past mishaps on our projects with them from 2018. We also had a meeting with the City of Fremont regarding their waterline on Buckland Ave. The City is currently making some repairs to the road from their past water taps and also finalizing the rest of the taps they will make to the waterline. We agreed that once the road gets paved, we will not allow any cuts in the pavement for water taps on Buckland for at least the next 5 years.

We have been trying for a long time to get a hold of CSX to talk about the condition of their railroad crossings on CR 30. Finally, I was able to get a meeting scheduled with a representative from CSX to discuss the condition of their tracks. I also invited the manager of Martin Marietta to the meeting (Wade Weaver). Bottom line, CSX does not see the problem with these tracks and blames the lime plant for both the traffic and the condition of the tracks. Apparently, CSX owns all 3 tracks, but Martin Marietta leases 2 of the tracks. Therefore, they put the blame on the lime plant for the tracks that they lease. After much discussion with the CSX representatives, they agreed to place some cold patch on the bad areas for now. Martin Marietta and CSX are going to work on a collaborative agreement to permanently fix the tracks. I believe the plant will pay for all of the materials and CSX will provide the labor and equipment. Details still need to get worked out. Hopefully this will happen sometime

in 2021. Consequently, Martin Marietta just completed the repairs of the last two tracks they had left to fix. They are a nice improvement.

We put the Michaels Ditch out for sale (bids) this past week. Looking at the estimated assessments for this project, they are pretty high. Hopefully prices for construction come in much lower than the estimate. The award of this contract will be contingent upon the outcome of the Final Hearing. The Final Hearing will take place in October 2020. The Michaels Ditch starts on CR 13 and flows north to Muskellunge Creek on TR 23. It also has a lateral coming from TR 80. This is the first of many petition projects that we are trying to get caught up. Next in line are Wolf Creek and Sugar Creek. Dean and crew have also been surveying the Kiser Ditch in Jackson and Ballville Townships which is another petition ditch that we still have to survey and design.

We are in the process of applying for several grants. On Friday we submitted a federal grant through CEAO for the paving of CR 201 & CR 113. If successful, we will be able to pave these roads in 2026. Along with the paving, we also submitted a \$300,000 federal grant for guardrail replacement. The guardrail project we did this year was very successful. We were able to fix a lot of guardrail throughout the county. If we are successful, the money will again be available in 2026. With this grant, we will focus on replacing bridge guardrails throughout the county. We are also preparing applications for the upcoming round of OPWC. We are looking to pave CR 128 and possibly CR 268, & CR 294. The OPWC funding hasn't been appropriated at this time, however our district has decided to move forward with the applications and be ready with projects when or if the funding becomes available. I believe the funding will be there eventually.

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend and be safe!!!

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The last month has been very busy and productive around here. Mother Nature has kept it pretty dry here in Sandusky County. The second round of mowing was finished. After that, we took a few weeks off. Mowers are back out again working on the west side. We have also been able to get a lot of crack sealing done in the last few weeks. CR 169, CR 2, and CR 92 have been completed. The crew is now working on CR 117.

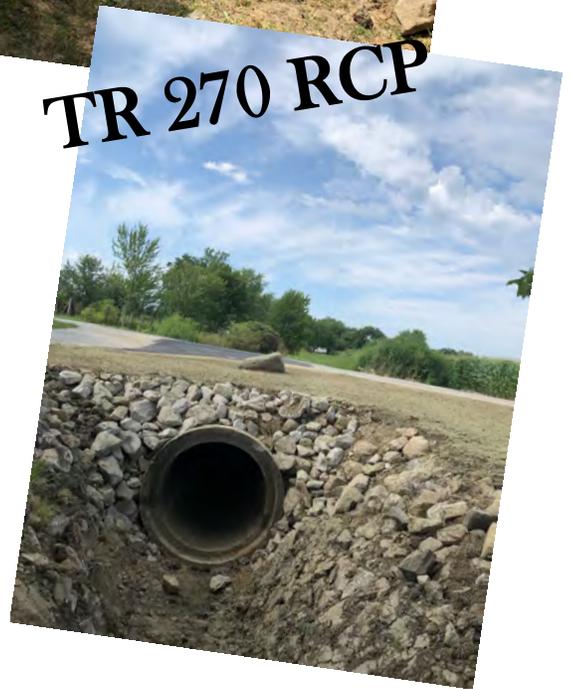
Some other jobs that have been completed are the Third Avenue widening, (at the intersection of Hayes Avenue) and the lowering of a 54" RCP on TR 270. We have also completed some asphalt repairs on Brush St. We still have a few more to go.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- ✓ Tony has been working with Dean on the Kiser Ditch survey
- ✓ Perry and Nick have been replacing Stop Ahead Signs that have faded
- ✓ Mowed the Town Route
- ✓ Cleaned CR 13 Ditch
- ✓ Removed log jam under the Cherry St. Bridge
- ✓ Cleaned up and seeded Limerick Rd at the Middle School
- ✓ Seeded and mulched past projects: CR 294 & TR 237, CR 128 pipe work, Maple Lane, CR 89 ditch, and Morrison Rd.
- ✓ Started culvert inspections on CR 128, CR 130, CR 268, CR 294, and CR 290
- ✓ Hauled dirt off 9 Mile Ditch and Othel Dean Ditch for Ditch Maintenance
- ✓ Leveled spoils on 9 Mile Ditch, and TR 59 dump area



TR 270 RCP



Bridge Waterproofing on TR 26



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

David Meyer Sept. 3rd 1yr

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tim Below Sept. 25th

Rich Randolph Sept. 30th



WHO AM I?

Can you guess which two employees answered these questions? *I bet you cant! :)*

Employee #1

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

a Jet Pilot

Favorite activity to do with your family?

go Camping

Favorite Song?

Friends in Low Places, Garth Brooks

Favorite Sport?

Ohio State Football, Sprint Car Racing

Favorite Season?

Fall

Favorite Restaurant?

Red Robin

Hobbies?

Fishing, 4-Wheeling, Spending time with my family, and outdoor cooking (grilling, deep frying, smoking...)

Employee #2

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

an Astronaut

Favorite activity to do with your family?

Watch Movies, Take Vacations...

Favorite Song?

Every Breath You Take, The Police

Favorite Sport?

Soccer, College Football, and Golf

Favorite Season?

Fall

Favorite Restaurant?

Blue Pacific (Levis Commons)

Hobbies?

Golfing, watching movies and Netflix

~ Current Garage Projects ~

Jim is getting the new 2020 Dodge Pickup Trucks ready to be put on the road. Pictured is V# 206.



Remington is doing a Top End Engine Rebuild on V# 124



September

2020

~ The start of the "ber" months ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Happy Anniversary, Dave!!	4	5
6	7 LABOR DAY	8	9	10 Michaels Ditch Petition Bid Opening @ 10:30 AM	11 PATRIOT DAY <i>WE WILL NEVER FORGET</i>	12
13 Grandparents Day	14	15	16	17	18 Nat'l Cheeseburger Day	19
20	21	22 The Official Start of Fall	23	24	25 Happy Birthday, Below!!	26 Nat'l Pancake Day
27	28 Nat'l Drink Beer Day	29 Nat'l Coffee Day	30 Happy Birthday, Rich!!			