

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

The biggest news this month was the approval of OPWC funding by the state legislature for Round 34. This means we will go ahead and move forward with the paving, this year, of the town route (Hayes, Third, Siler, Cleveland, and Buckland). The Commissioners awarded the contract to Kokosing Construction for \$768,741.95. The difference between Kokosing and the second bidder, Erie Blacktop, was \$26,000. The completion date for this project is October 15, 2020. We will be meeting with The City of Fremont to discuss repairs on Buckland Avenue and tie-ins to the waterline they installed last year.

Jenna and I met with the County Commissioners last week to discuss the Michaels Ditch project. The Commissioners were not familiar with this project since it was petitioned back in 2015. Therefore, we went over the project with them and explained all the different options there are to make this a successful project. They agreed to let us go out to bids and get some real numbers for the final assessments before the final hearing. If approved, this project will solve a lot of the drainage problems near the intersection of CR 13 and TR 80. As part of the project, our office will be replacing the 15" culvert under CR 13 with a 30" RCP. We plan to bid this project in the next few weeks. Awarding of the contract will be contingent on the outcome of the final hearing.

I was able to attend the first totally VIRTUAL seminar offered by the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO). It was for Survey Land Records Modernization. It was well attended and very interesting.

I was able to get the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours that I needed for my license, without leaving the office. I know there are more "virtual" seminars being planned. Kudos to CEAO for putting these together during this pandemic, especially since the Coronavirus doesn't seem to be slowing down any. The annual Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) already announced that it will be totally virtual this year. We are also having our CEAO board meetings virtually. It's just a different world.

Along those same lines, I keep hearing from our Health Department and EMA that this virus is not slowing down, in fact it is getting worse. I would like to remind everyone to keep being vigilant and proactive. Maintain social distancing, wear your mask, wash your hands, keep your work area clean, and stay home if you feel sick. Overall, I believe we have done a pretty good job so far. We just have to keep doing it for as long as necessary.

HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY!!

Tony Miller	July 5 th	9 yrs
Rich Randolph	July 16 th	30 yrs
Matt Wonderly	July 18 th	4 yrs
Nick Collins	July 18 th	4 yrs
Travis Arter	July 18 th	4 yrs
Dean Silva	July 23 rd	41 yrs
Tara Shanahan	July 24 th	3 yrs

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY!!

Brian King July 30th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Since the last Road Report, numerous jobs have been completed. In the last report we were still working on the culvert replacement on CR 294. This job is now complete with the exception of seeding and mulching. Since then, the big excavator has repaired the maintenance ditch on Maple Lane, dug on the backside of the walls on WO. 42-0.43 for a varmint problem, placed rock along the TR 42 ditch for Woodville Twp, and removed a log jam under Cherry Street Bridge. The crew is now on TR 270, by the county line, where they will be lowering a culvert tile.

The Mini has been just as busy. We got back to CR 128 where some yard tiles were replaced. We then went to the fairgrounds and installed three catch basins and did some prepping for paving, a culvert replacement on CR 32, and a ditch cleaning on CR 13. Next for the Mini will be some road widening on Third Avenue, at Hayes Avenue.

The mowing crew has now finished the second round of mowing this week. We will be taking a break from mowing for a little bit with how dry it has been. Matt will continue with the Boom Mower.

Miscellaneous Road Work

- Tony and Nick have been helping Dean with the Kiser Ditch survey and cutting brush, when needed.
- Tim, Jimmy, and Kory cut out dirt and put in grindings at the Fairgrounds, behind the grandstands, for a new camping area.
- Perry and Nick have been out updating the stop ahead signs around the county, plus anything else that comes up.
- Jimmy hauled for Ditch Maintenance on Bark Creek.
- New ceiling tile in the office was installed.
- The town route was mowed, as needed.
- Tile was repaired on Oakwood.
- The yearly truss bridge washing has been completed.
- Guardrail was repaired “again” on GR 183-1.74 bridge.

*Getting the kids ready for school?
Don't forget the*


Sales Tax Holiday

Friday, August 7th – Sunday, August 9th

A holiday from sales tax on some clothing, school supplies and/or instructional materials.

Learn more at ohio.gov

15 AUG FARMERS MARKET & THINGS THAT GO EVENT



EVENT DETAILS

Croghan Colonial Bank Farmers Market & Triple J Towing Things that Go Event which will have special activities for the whole family. Farmers and vendors will be selling produce and unique items.

TIME	LOCATION
(Saturday) 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Downtown Fremont 315 Garrison Street, Fremont, OH 43420

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax) January – June

2020 \$1,743,294
2019 \$1,171,580

MUTUAL HEALTH SERVICES Handling your health insurance just got easier with our improved website. Visit *MutualHealthServices.com* to find:

Enhanced search functions for products and services; MHS is very excited to announce a new interactive voice response (IVR) system that will allow members to access more information about benefits, claims, and eligibility, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLAN Healthy Lifestyles Program is an online supplemental wellness program offered through our health insurance, please enroll in this program at *www.jeffersonhealthplan.com*

Wellness Program
Reach Healthy Weight; Be More Active;
Feel Less Stress; Improve Your Diet;
Take Charge of Your Health;
Live Tobacco Free...

These programs are FREE!!!
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TRAVELING OUTSIDE OF OHIO

Effective Immediately: Employees are required to notify their immediate supervisor of any travel plans that are outside of the State of Ohio. Employees are required to complete the Travel Information sheet prior to leaving for vacation and once they have returned MUST complete Section B.

Employees traveling to one of the states that report a positive testing rate of 15% or higher for COVID will be required to quarantine for a period of 14 days. During that quarantine period employees will be required to use accrued vacation, comp, or be placed on leave without pay if they do not have enough time.

Should you become sick during the quarantine period you are required to reach out immediately to your supervisor to discuss the other options that are available under the FFCRA leave.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Kory Keegan	August 11 th	6 yrs
Rick Villarreal	August 12 th	24 yrs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Kris Randolph	August 12 th
Matt Wonderly	August 28 th



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