

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

As always the month of January went really fast. Usually the winter months fly by in the office as we are designing and preparing for the year's construction projects. This year is no different, as we prepare paving plans (CR 268, CR 290, CR 294, CR 260, CR 44), bridge plans (RY 260-4.42, JA 80-1.88), ditch cleanings, etc. Also, the weather has been mild per normal January standards. However, we just received our first major snow storm of 2021 this past Sunday and there is more snow to come this week. We can only hope that February is as mild as January was. We have ordered and received 1,500 tons of salt so far this year. We still have another 1,800 tons to order before we fulfill this year's contract.

Tim Below, Chad and I have been getting things around to order the materials we need to start making our own precast beams again. The last time we made our beams in-house was in 2014 when we made the beams for the RY 226 bridge. We have placed the order with State Highway Supply for all of the steel, tie-rods, guardrail anchors, and everything else we needed to be able to build the beams for the RY 260-4.42 bridge. There are about 6 to 8 beams on this bridge with several cracks, 4 of these beams have major spalling. We are going to build 27 beams to replace the whole deck of this 3 span bridge. Chad and I have a meeting setup with Ohio Concrete next week to see about saw cutting the existing tie-rods and everything else that might need cut in order to remove the existing beams.

We have been receiving paving estimate requests from several Townships that are planning to pave their roads this year. So far this year, we have received requests from: Ballville, Townsend, Jackson, Green Creek, Woodville, and The Village of Gibsonburg. I would like to see all of the Townships that are interested in paving their roads this year submit their request to our office. The earlier the better. Consequently, we have prepared plans for Ballville Township and their project gets advertised this week. They are planning to pave Michaels Road and Ponds Side Drive this year. The Engineer's estimate for their project is \$100,000.00.



Bring on the snow!!



FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Well, I guess winter is still here. February has roared in like a lion. I know that is the saying for March, so hopefully Mother Nature has months backwards this year. Between Sunday and Thursday this week, the weather station said we have received 9 inches of snow. The past few days we have worked long hours fighting the snow and the winds. The guys did a great job keeping the roads as safe as possible. I don't think we are out of the woods yet. Thursday and Friday they are predicting 20 + mph wind with gusts up to 40 mph. Today and tomorrow we will be trying to prepare for that. The wing plows are out laying drifts back and both backhoes are out pushing back banks, and intersections. Hopefully it helps.

Mark finished cleaning the ditch along TR 26, for the Township. He then moved up to TR 280 along the Duffett Ditch. There was a pretty good section along the road that slipped. Basically, he had to dig out the bank and rock it. This should be good for a long time now. The excavator is in the shop now for some maintenance. Eric finished cleaning a ditch along CR 1. He then went up to CR 198 & TR 245 and cleaned that ditch. He had to fix quite a few washouts. Eric, Travis, and Jeremy also fixed a tile on TR 231 at our bridge.

The brush crew is still out in full force. They have been working on the west side town route. It is looking good!! If anybody needs any mulch, there is plenty here.

Tim has been out leveling ditch spoils. He has leveled spoils on the W.F. Brown Ditch for Ditch Maintenance. He has now started on the spoils on CR 1 that Eric has dipped. We

still have about three locations on the books for leveling.

~ *Miscellaneous Road Work* ~

- Spot berming as needed.
- Keeping salt pushed up when delivered.
- LED lights were installed in the Ready Room.
- Matt was out in the Boom Mower along the deep ditch on CR 1.
- Snow and ice control as needed. Dump and wash trucks as well.
- Pot holes filled as needed.
- Retro fitting LED lights in building #3 continues.
- Hauled Rip Rap for stock.



CR 198
Ditch Cleaning



TR 280
Duffett Ditch
Cleaning

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

House Bill 404 Extends Expiration Date of Driver Licenses, ID Cards and Vehicle Registration

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has signed House Bill 404, which extends the expiration date. Now, if a customer's expiration date is March 9, 2020 to April 1, 2021, the expiration date has been **automatically extended and will remain valid until July 1, 2021.**

Income Comparison (January – December)

2020 - \$5,838,127
2019 - \$4,914,040



GovDeal vehicles heading out...



Who Am I?

Last month's participants were Kory (Employee #1) & Tara (Employee #2)...

See if you can guess this months!

EMPLOYEE #1

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

Favorite activity to do with your family?
Sleep

Favorite song?
I Love Rock n' Roll

Favorite sport?
Football

Favorite season?
Winter

Favorite restaurant?
Taco Bell

Hobbies?
Races

EMPLOYEE #2

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A roadie for Motley Crue

Favorite activity to do with your family?
Yell at them

Favorite song?
Home Sweet Home - Motley Crue

Favorite sport?
Football / Wrestling

Favorite season?
Summer

Favorite restaurant?
Any place that cooks Waygu

Hobbies?
Vannin, Chillin, Riding, & Shooting Stuff

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Jenna Sommers	Feb. 4 th
Perry Hill	Feb. 8 th
Travis Arter	Feb. 12 th
Elizabeth Ball	Feb. 12 th
Cody Amor	Feb. 22 nd

February

2021

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday, Jenna!!</i>	5 Nat'l Weatherperson's Day	6
7 Super Bowl!!	8 <i>Happy Birthday, Perry!!</i>	9	10	11 Int'l Day of Women and Girls in Science	12 <i>Travis & Elizabeth's Birthdays!!</i>	13
14 Valentine's Day!!	15 President's Day	16 <i>Mardi Gras Ballville's Bid Opening</i>	17 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	18 Nat'l Drink Wine Day	19	20
21	22 Coral's First Day as the Clerical Specialist!! <i>Happy Birthday, Cody!!</i>	23	24	25	26	27
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