

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

On March 16, 2021, we had our bid openings for two of our paving projects for this year. The low bidder on both projects (CR 268/CR 290 and CR 294/CR260) was Erie Blacktop out of Sandusky, Ohio. The bid for the CR 268/CR 290 project was: \$868,027.65 with Kokosing Construction a close second. The bid for the CR 294/CR 260 project was: \$1,015,770.60 with Kokosing Construction again a close second. The Commissioners will not be able to award the CR 268/CR 290 project just yet, since we have OPWC grant money being awarded towards that project. The grant money from OPWC usually doesn't become available until after July 1st. We will have one more paving contract for the paving of CR 44 in Woodville Township. We are going in together with Woodville Township and the Village of Gibsonburg. Those bids will be opening on May 4th. That same day, we will also be bidding the prestressed beams for the JA 80 bridge as well as this year's pavement marking contract.

We have also prepared paving plans and contracts for three townships which will have 3 separate bid openings this month. Rice Township will be bidding their portion of Fangboner Road (TR 166). Jackson Township will be bidding TR 23 & TR 15. Green Creek Township will be bidding TR 218 & TR 181. Also, the Townships on the west half of the county will be bidding their annual OPWC paving contract on May 5th. This year, the townships going together on that contract are: Jackson, Madison, Rice, Scott, Washington, and Woodville (lead).

Tim Below and his bridge crew have been busy this past month building beams for the new deck of the RY 260 – 4.42 bridge. So far, they have built about half the beams that we need for the replacement of the deck on this bridge. Chad and I are meeting with B&W Welding and their crane operator to figure out the removal and installation of these beams.

Great Lakes Demolition has been working on the Michaels ditch project since late last year. So far, they are about 90% done with the brush removal and excavation of the ditch. They have reached CR 13 and the culvert under CR 13 has been able to drain for the first time in many years. We will be replacing the culvert on CR 13 with a bigger pipe. We also need to clean the ditches on CR 13 to allow all the water to reach the newly constructed ditch. Water has been laying on the south side of CR 13 for many years without an outlet. This project should help those properties tremendously. The completion date for this project is May 15, 2021.

I have been asked by the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) to give a presentation regarding our bridge program. I will be giving a presentation at our annual CEAO Bridge Workers, Supervisors, and Engineers Conference coming up in April. Tim Below and I will be in attendance representing Sandusky County. This conference was cancelled last year due to COVID-19. They plan to have it in person this year.

We will be having an Employee Appreciation luncheon on Friday, April 16th at 12:00 pm. I hope to see all of the employees there. All of your hard work is very much appreciated!

Congratulations goes out to Kris Randolph (Foreman) on her retirement! Kris retired on March 31, 2021 after more than 31 years of service to Sandusky County. Kris worked as a clerical specialist and the office manager during her time with the county. We wish Kris well in all her future endeavors.

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

March has been an up and down month for temperature. We have seen both 70s and 30s for the high, but it looks like there will be a decent warm up in April. Projects have been moving along pretty well. All of the cages have been tied for the RY 260 – 4.42 bridge beam replacement. We have had three concrete pours so far, but there are more to go. We have replaced the twin 48” culverts on CR 268, north of CR 175. We also still need to pave once asphalt plants open. The excavator is now on CR 260, south of SR 6, where we are enclosing about 200 feet of ditch. Pipes and catch basins were installed this week and we are now working on the backfill. Another project we have started is monument box installation on CR 260, CR 294, and CR 268. Dean has already located the areas. Now Dean, Kory, Jimmy, Jeff, and Nick have started digging for the stones or points to place the boxes. Looks like it will be a busy year full of projects.

Congratulations, Kris, on your retirement!

*Late night call
to a sinkhole!*

~ Miscellaneous Road Work ~

- Spot berming
- Brush crew finished for the year
- Plow damage repairs
- Stop ahead signs replaced in Ballville Twp.
- New radar system is being installed for the traffic lights at Hayes Ave. & Brush St.
- CR 32 ditch was cleaned
- Pot holes filled, as needed
- Annual trash pick up before mowing season
- Ditch spoils were leveled on CR 1, TR 26, and CR 198
- Wash & wax equipment
- Guardrail at River St. and Siler St. was repaired twice after it was hit within a week’s time
- Catch basin repair on Fangboner Rd.
- Hydro seeded ditches on CR 1, CR 198, and CR 11
- Leveling spoils on the Overmyer ditch for ditch maintenance



*Concrete pouring for the
RY 260 – 4.42 bridge
beams*



FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

Income Comparison (February)

2021 - \$949,512
2020 - \$987,507



Congratulations to Kristine Randolph on her retirement! I was lucky enough that Kris took me under her wing since July of 2017 and prepared me for this day. I have no doubt that she will make the best of her retirement... living each day to the fullest! Thank you for all you have done for me, our fellow employees, and the residents of Sandusky County.

Again, Congratulations Kris!!

Who Am I?

Last month's participants were Jim (Employee #1) & Remington (Employee #2)

Did you get it right?!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Chad Fisher	Apr. 11 th
Carlos Baez	Apr. 15 th
Kory Keegan	Apr. 16 th
Nick Collins	Apr. 21 st

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!

Perry Hill	Apr. 29 th
Eric Wheatley	Apr. 29 th



We sold the Cleveland Tandem Trailer!



*The Sandusky County Engineer's building got an upgrade!
New front door and windows definitely brightened the building!*



BREAK TIME

Can you solve these riddles?

**What is seen in the middle
of March and April that
can't be seen at the beginning
or end of either month?**



**You're rummaging around your great
grandmother's attic when you find five
short chains each made of four gold links.**


**It occurs to you that if you combined
them all into one big loop of 20 links,
you'd have an incredible necklace. So you
bring it into a jeweler, who tells you the
cost of making the necklace will be \$10
for each gold link that she has to break
and then reseal.**

How much will it cost?

April

2021

“The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain.” –Dolly Parton

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MLB Opening Day April Fools' Day	2 World Autism Acceptance Day Good Friday	3  National Find a Rainbow Day
4 	5 Bid Opening for TR 166 (Rice Twp.) and TR 23 & TR 15 (Jackson Twp.)	6 National Student-Athlete Day	7 National Beer Day & World Health Day	8	9	10 National Siblings Day
11 Happy Birthday, Chad! National Pet Day	12 Bid Opening for TR 181 & TR 218 (Green Creek Twp.)	13	14	15 Happy Birthday, Carlos! Tax Day – Deadline Extended to May 17!	16 Happy Birthday, Kory!	17
18	19	20	21 Happy Birthday, Nick! Administrative Professionals Day	22 Earth Day 	23 World Book Day	24
25	26 National Pretzel Day	27	28	29 Happy Anniversary, Perry & Wheat!	30 National Arbor Day	