

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE DEPUTY ENGINEER

The biggest news here at the end of the year, since our last road report, has been the two storms we've been hit with over the past two weekends. First it was the 6"-8" of snow that fell on Saturday, December 14. That was one of the biggest snow storms we have seen in the last few years. Our crews did a fantastic job keeping the roads open. Even some of the office employees came in to help that Saturday night. Thanks to all of you for keeping our roads safe.

Then one week later (while the snow was still on the ground), we get hit with about 2"-3" of RAIN. We have seen over the past few years that these are the worst kinds of rain events. Normally, during the summer months when we get 2"-3" of rain, we do not see the kind of flooding that we saw this week. Everything gets compounded due to the snow cover & the frozen ground. What we see is the ground acting as a paved parking lot and the rain water quickly sheet draining to the ditches, creeks and rivers with little or no infiltration. Our crews were out again (for the second weekend in a row) clearing debris from the roads and placing road closed and high water signs. After the water started to go down, it was evident that some of the county roads had damage to the edges of the road and berms. Mainly CR 90, CR 132, CR 201, and CR 117 to name a few. Our crews are still working on CR 117, which will be open to traffic today.

In the office, we submitted final plans and specifications to ODOT for their review of the CR 41 resurfacing project. We hope to bid and construct the project in the summer of 2014. Also, finalizing the plans for the Fangboner Road drainage project, which will be built at the beginning of next year. We are also finalizing the survey on the Stahl Road project and will begin the design on the ditch petition project. The consultant, Jones & Henry, is finishing up their preliminary design for the Schwochow ditch project. We will meet with them in early January when they will be presenting their ideas.

I hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Moyer December 29th
Jim Sanford January 7th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Cody Amor January 3rd 9 years
Kim Foreman January 3rd 14 years
Matt Reinhart January 3rd 3 years
Jim Moyer January 7th 29 years
Steve Pfeiffer January 10th 9 years

FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

INCOME COMPARISON (License, Permissive, Gas Tax)

January – November
2013 \$3,899,076
2012 \$3,904,268

PAYCHECKS

- Overtime is on a separate check.
- Reminder: Payroll was submitted on December 19th -overtime, sick and vacation time between December 19th – 21st (that was not scheduled) will be on Payroll #1 2014

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

What a busy past two weeks. Saturday, December 14th, our area received anywhere from 5 to 8 inches of snow. Over the next couple of days, we dealt with windy conditions that kept blowing the snow around. Finally, by Thursday, December 19th the winds had receded, temperatures climbed into the 40's, and we were able to clean up the roads. Unfortunately, Mother Nature wasn't quite done with us. Rain showers started on Friday and lasted till early Sunday morning. I am unsure of how much rain fell, but it was too much. Crews were busy late Saturday night till Sunday afternoon posting high water signs and closing roads where needed.

Once back to work on Monday, some of the water had receded and we were finding some pretty good washouts. Mostly in the normal areas like CR's 90, 117, 201, and S. River Rd. We also discovered a 5-6 ft. deep hole next to the road on CR 201 near TR 168 caused by a broken tile. Crews immediately made repairs and we did not lose any of the roadway. All other washouts have been repaired or are being repaired today. By the end of the day, all County Roads will be open. NICE JOB EVERYONE!!

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Spot berming minor washouts.
- Pot holes filled where needed.
- Tile repaired on CR 201.
- Plow trucks have received a bath!!
- Building #2 & #11 were cleaned.