

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Currently, our health insurance is with "BORMA". As of January 1, 2016 we will be switching to The Ohio Valley Plan, through the Jefferson Health Plan. They use Aetna for healthcare. We will be hiring a consultant to guide us through this process and make sure we are in conformance with the Affordable Care Act

(Obamacare). There are some legal ramifications with this that the County Prosecutor is investigating for us. At the appropriate time, our consultant, who is Corporate One, based in Fostoria, will be meeting with us to discuss all of this. This is just a "heads up" so you know changes are coming.

Speaking of changes, the new positions I mentioned in the last Road Report are to be completed today. If they are, I will be meeting with the road crew on Tuesday afternoon. This whole process has taken longer than I anticipated, but it is a significant change and we have to make sure it is done correctly. In the end, I believe the employees will like the changes.

In the way of County business, we have met with the Commissioners and they have decided how to proceed with the Schwochow Ditch. We will be meeting with the consultant soon to finalize the plans. The contract has been awarded on Alley Ditch and construction will begin shortly. Dean and Jimmy have been busy surveying a parcel of land on North River Road that the Commissioners plan to sell by auction. We have a preliminary RUMA (road use and maintenance agreement) to be used with the major gas lines that are being planned to cross the County. The Prosecutor is also reviewing this document. Our "major" work is done for the year, so now we will be buttoning up odds and ends.

We plan on hiring an engineer and engineering technician. Those job descriptions are being finalized. We also plan to hire a temporary engineering technician to help with the current work load on drainage projects.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mark Auxter

October 4th

FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

Gerkin has finished up with the widening project on CR 177. Most of the spoils were hauled down to the big culvert job to use as fill along the shoulders. More dirt will be needed and brought in as it becomes available to achieve the right slope grades. There is still some brush and channel work yet to be done to finish this project up. As part of the widening project, some of the spoils were used to back up the asphalt. Our crews are working on leveling and seeding these areas.

M&B has also finished paving Oakwood, River St. and Morrison Rd. Our crews have also been working on the berms on these roads, adding dirt in yards and stone and grindings in open areas. Again, this will continue as better dirt becomes available.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- We rented a scissor lift to finish power washing Tindall Bridge.
- The bridge on TR 73 was waterproofed for paving.
- The boom mower is still out working on the west side of the county on back banks and deeper ditches.
- Jimmy has been giving Dean a hand with some survey work.
- Sign work and work on sign grant continues. As for the grant, the east side of the county is now complete.
- Most of the west side is done except for a few stragglers (Christy, Port Clinton Rd, CR 90 and 117).