

# ROAD REPORT

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## FROM THE ENGINEER

First, I would like to welcome Jim Seibert aboard as our newest Mechanic. Jim comes to us from Streacker Tractor Sales. Every indication so far is that he is going to blend right in and be a great addition to our staff. Welcome Jim!

Next, I want to inform everyone that as of January 1, 2017, Ditch Maintenance is returning to our Department. This was discussed yesterday and was not official until this morning. There are now a lot of details to work out. The Soil and Water Conservation District has been in charge since 1981. They currently have three employees and it would appear one of them will be "transferring" to our Department. Watch for more details in the near future.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE!!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jim Moyer                      December 29<sup>th</sup>

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY (Years of County Employment)

Cody Amor	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 years
Kim Foreman	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	17 years
Elizabeth Royster	January 4 <sup>th</sup>	1 year

## FROM THE OFFICE MANAGER

### City of Fremont Income Tax

The procedure for withholding City Income Tax has been amended. The Ohio Revised Code states that those employee's wages are taxable **"to the fixed location to which an employee is required to report for employment duties on a regular and ordinary basis."**

Since the County Engineer's Office is located in the City of Fremont, all employees are subject to Fremont City tax withholding on 100% of their wages.

The County Auditor will be taking out these taxes. There will be no exceptions. You may qualify for a refund at tax time if:

- The employee does not reside within the Fremont City limits.
- The employee is required to report to work at a fixed location located within the city limits (which we are)
- The employee performs 100% of their duties outside the city limits for the entire day.

## FROM THE ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

The weather has been keeping us busy these last two weeks. An all-day snow back on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> kept drivers busy keeping the roads plowed off. With good temps and sunshine the next day, roads cleaned up pretty quick. This past weekend reminds us how fast conditions can change. Snow started Saturday morning then rain in the afternoon then freezing rain by dark. Roads slicked over pretty quick Saturday night. A salt round pretty much wetted the roads up. Trucks are now pretty much cleaned up and ready for the next winter storm that comes. As of right now, the prediction for this Christmas weekend looks pretty good. Possibly could see temperatures in the 60 degrees range I'll take it!

The brush crew has been out on the east side of the county working on trimming back brush along the right of ways. On colder and windier days, they have been working in more wooded areas, out of the wind. Steve finished mulching the brush along CR 32 in the area of Area Aggregates. This has been a long time coming. It has really opened this road up. We will soon get in there with the dozer and level up this area so it can be maintained better in the future. The excavator has since moved over to CR 117, cleaning up brush behind the guardrails.

The Kubota mini excavator arrived this week. This machine really isn't so mini. It is a pretty good sized machine. We will be able to put in 24" RCP plus the larger 3' x 3' catch basins. It is out today on its first job repairing a tile on Christy Rd. and then it will be out cleaning road side ditches.

Other jobs that have been going on include dumping and washing the plow trucks after each snow event, pot holes were filled and mixing salt to keep the stock up. On a couple of the really cold day, guys worked in the yard washing and waxing equipment, washing the walls and floor in the truck barn, and cleaning and organizing in other buildings.

I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.