

ROAD REPORT

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FROM THE ENGINEER

Thanks to Chad Fisher for filling in as Road Superintendent this week while Duane took a few days off. As far as I know, everything went fine. Nice work Chad.

Also, I would like to pass on a compliment I received about the high water signs that were put overnight earlier this week due to the heavy rain. This person was very appreciative that the signs were put up before they went to work in the early morning when it was still dark. Thanks to Jeff and all the others who involved.

Lee Klohn is the new Ditch Supervisor at the Soil & Water Conservation District. His predecessor has decided to retire at the end of this month and is taking vacation until then. I have discussed the future of ditch maintenance with the Board of Supervisors. The choices are to leave it with S&WCD or transfer it to our department. We will both be evaluating that over the next few months and eventually do what we mutually agree is best for ditch maintenance. We hope to have a decision by the end of the year.

We do have a new petition. It is for a small ditch in what is known as Cedar Ridge Subdivision located at the intersection of CR 175 and TR 302. The view is on September 22nd and the first hearing is on October 13th.

Our new State Senator David Burke is scheduled to visit our department on September 22nd. This is truly a great honor for us. This won't be the first time we have had a visit from a Senator, but I believe it is the first time the Senator initiated one.

The turnpike overpass on TR 226 is in full swing. The unstable dirt on the south side has been removed and is being replaced with #2 stone. It is very impressive to see. It is a much larger project than I envisioned. They have fifteen trucks hauling stone from Woodville and are leveling it with a bulldozer. They started to remove the embankment on the north side but are rained out for this week.

Tindall Bridge is getting a thorough inspection by Richland Engineering. They have the necessary equipment to access all areas of the bridge. This will determine what structural repairs are necessary before the bridge is painted next year. It looks like the open grate steel deck is approaching its

life expectancy and may have to be replaced. The bridge should be in great shape for its 100th birthday in 2015!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Terri Scott who has been hired as a temporary employee in the office to help out during our transition. I have been told by everyone she is doing really a good job of scanning. Welcome Terri!!!!

FROM THE ASSISTANT ROAD SUPERINTENDENT

SA 128-2.80

Beams have been set, grouted, and wing caps poured. The guys are busy now with clean up, channel work, and placing rock on the banks plus they are waterproofing the deck. Job well done!!

SA 211.0.41

Approaches to the bridge have been built up on each side of the bridge. Dirt is being hauled in to the east side to build up the shoulders. Still plenty of clean up to go yet.

JA 72-7.50

Jimmy and Chad B. spent a couple of days replacing bolts that were needed on this bridge. Now they are in the process of sandblasting and painting areas that are needed.

ROAD MAINTENANCE

- Spots around town were mowed.
- Hauling dirt spoils for Ditch Maintenance.
- Old boiler was removed in building #1.
- Building #3 and #6 were cleaned up.
- Faucet was replaced in women's restroom.
- Vehicles were washed.
- Floor drains were cleaned in building #1.
- Roads were ran for high water.
- Office and shop area was cleaned.

IN THE SHOP

Jeff and Andy are busy keeping up with services and repairs.

SIGN SHOP

Perry is keeping busy with his sign maintenance along with other things that pop up.