

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Fred's Desk



AS NOVEMBER comes to an end, so does the 2010 construction season. B.B.R Drilling Company recently completed the \$161,445 emergency roadway embankment failure project on County Highway 54, Pipe Creek Road. This project was 90% funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission's (OPWC) emergency funding.

Shelly & Sands, Inc. completed resurfacing all but one road of the township paving project. This project was for the resurfacing of six separate roads in four different townships at a cost of \$321,959, funded at

74% by OPWC and 26% by the various townships. Due to the early cold weather, Union T-384, Oak Hill Road, will be resurfaced next spring.

Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co. will wait until next spring to replace the two bridges on CH 48, Wegee Creek Road. This \$495,145 project is also funded 74% by OPWC and 26% by Belmont County. All other construction projects have been completed.

On November 18th, our bridge crew completed the construction of a new bridge across Nixon Run on Pease Township 471, Jones

Road. They are now replacing the superstructure and deck on the other end of Jones Road, which crosses Deep Run. This will be the 11th bridge completed this year by the bridge crew. As weather permits, they will continue replacing other bridges this winter.

The road crew will be doing regular roadway maintenance as they wait for the snow and ice to appear. We have plenty of salt, cinders and stone in our stockpiles at this time. Let's hope we don't have to use any of it.

Holiday YUKS!

Who delivers cat's Christmas presents?
Santa Paws!

What would a reindeer do if it lost its tail?
She'd go to a "re-tail" shop for a new one!

What do reindeer always say before telling you a joke?
This one will "sleigh" you!



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GIS News by Don Pickenpaugh

Tenth GIS Day Celebrated in Belmont County

The Belmont County Commissioners marked the tenth annual celebration of GIS Day in Belmont County by issuing a GIS Day Proclamation at their November 17 meeting. Commission President Ginny Favede read the Proclamation and remarked that GIS is important in economic development. Commissioner Matt Coffland commented on the role GIS can play in Issue 2 (now Issue 1) Capital Improvement Reports. Sue Douglass, Executive Director of the Department of Development/Community Improvement Corporation, echoed the importance of GIS in promoting the county. Becky Horne, Executive Administrative Assistant of the Emergency Management Agency, noted how flood inundation can be mapped along the Ohio River. Phil Wallace, Mayor of Martins Ferry, relayed his observation that local, county roadway data is of higher quality than that found in vehicle-based GPS units. Private businessman Dave Jones said Belmont County GIS helps him in his realty work. Jim Davenport, Sr. of Draft-Co, Inc. noted how much Belmont County GIS has accomplished, given very limited resources compared to other counties.

GIS Director Don Pickenpaugh gave a thumbnail review of GIS, noting that it has its roots in E-911 in Belmont County. The county flew its first countywide base mapping in 2001, and performed an aerial update in 2006, and hopes to do the same in 2011 if sufficient funding can be obtained. Don thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing support, and noted that the County Engineer and the Commissioners are the day-to-day backbone of the system, with no other financial support received in 2010. Commissioner Favede correctly noted that GIS is a benefit to all county departments. A poster was on display showing the history of the ten years of GIS in Belmont County.

Don gave a review of accomplishments in 2010, including completion of the Census addressing review, regular GIS meetings, ongoing education and routine mapping requests and data and web updates. Don is involved in URISA International, Ohio Chapter of URISA, GLIS/ACSM, PLSO, CEOA, OGRIP, OMEGA and Bel-O-Mar. The county is considering a 2011 aerial update mission and is being urged by the State to participate in LBRS. Support will continue for the Captina Creek Watershed Coordinator at SWCD.

The event has been posted to www.gisday.com. A picture and the Proclamation can be found under 2010 Success Stories. The Times-Leader also ran a story on the event. GIS Day will on the agenda at this month's meeting of the Ohio Chapter of URISA November 29.

The GIS Day Proclamation can be viewed at: <http://www.gisday.com/showcase/proclamations.html> along with pictures from this and previous GIS Day events.



See related pictures on page 3.

Pictured at the left (center) is Don Pickenpaugh, GIS Director with Ginny Favede (left) and Matt Coffland (right), Belmont County Commissioners.

Road & Subdivision News

Subdivisions and Annexations:

Stenger First Addition - Union Township

Timber Lane in Hunters Ridge Estates - Colerain Township

Village of Barnesville Annexation

Village of Morristown Annexation

Ross Estates First Addition - Richland Township

Tollgate Subdivision - Union Township

Petrozzi Subdivision # 2 - Richland Township

CEAO Upcoming Conferences

December 5 thru 8	CEAO Winter Conference	350 North High Street Columbus, Ohio
March 9 & 10, 2011	Ohio Storm Water Conference	6500 Doubletree Road Columbus, Ohio
April 6 & 7, 2011	Bridge Engineer's & Supervisors	Deer Creek State Park Mt Sterling, Ohio

GIS Day 2001



Shown in the picture at the right is Don Pickenpaugh during GIS Day in 2001 giving demonstrations to the public in the hallway of the Courthouse. For the past several years, Don has gone to local grade schools to expose students to geographic information systems. Pictured at left is the GIS Day Proclamation from the Belmont County Commissioners.



Winter Inspection



On October 28, the annual winter inspection took place at Roscoe, Neffs and Tacoma garages. The Safety Committee comprising of Wesley Wells, Chuck Earliwine, Kevin West, Carey Greco (above left), Dave Fisher (right), Frank Mayo (above right), Brett Hess, and Scotty Britton inspected vehicles involved in winter operations. Needed repairs were noted and acted upon.



Ohio Utility Protection Service

So far this year, the Engineer's Department has received 3,455 email notices from OUPS. This is up significantly from 2009.

The OUPS call center processed a total of 89,816 calls for the month of October with a total to date of 850,619 calls. The iDig website processed 30,082 for October with a total to date of 288,400.

OUPS set records again this year with 5,791 calls for May 3, 2010 and 103,505 for the month of June.



Jones Road Bridge Replacement

During the week on November 15, the bridge replacement project on Pease Township 471 Mile 0.01, Jones Road, was completed. The steel span was replaced with concrete box beams that were supplied by Carr Concrete. The bridge located at mile 2.22 is currently being replaced.



County Road 54 Pipe Creek Road

The piling project on County Road 54, Pipe Creek Road is complete with the project area being paved the week of November 15. This \$161,445 project was awarded to BBR Drilling Company, Inc after flooding

