

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

**First Day of
Spring**

**Tuesday
March 20, 2012**



Fred's Desk



FEBRUARY COMES TO AN END next week, and so far it's been a mild winter with below average snowfall. Sometimes we get a lot of snow in March, so don't put away your snow shovels. Let's just hope spring is not too far away.

With spring comes the start of the 2012 construction season. Three bridges, which were bid last year and were awarded to Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co., are being carried over to this year's construction season. The first bridge is located on County Highway 10 (Barton-Blaine Road), 3.2 miles north of Blaine. This \$647,135 project replaces a two span concrete arch bridge over Wheeling Creek with a new 98 feet, 28 feet wide precast concrete beam bridge on new abutments. The other two bridges are part of a \$335,105 project for replacement with a 21' long, 20' wide bridge on Colerain Township Road 426 (Sloans Run Road) and a 24' long, 20' wide

bridge on Richland Township Road 436 (Rehm Road). These two bridges were washed away by flooding last June. All three bridges are being funded by the Ohio Public Works Commission's (OPWC) and Belmont County.

Later this year, we will be opening bids for the replacement of the steel truss bridge on County Highway 4 (Sand Hill Road) over McMahan Creek near Neffs. This is also an OPWC funded bridge with an estimated cost of \$540,000.

Also to be bid this year are two FEMA funded projects to repair damage caused by the heavy rainfall of last April and May. The first project is for the construction of a 210' long, 20' high retaining wall on County Highway 5 (Ramsay Ridge Road) by placing 32' long steel beams in pre-drilled holes, encased in concrete, with concrete lagging placed between the beams. The estimate cost of this project is

\$320,973. The second project is a 100' long, 10' high located on County Highway 2 (Deep Run Road), using 20' steel beams and concrete lagging. This cost is estimated at \$92,113.

Our bridge crew continues to construct new bridges at a rate of about one each month. In January, they removed an existing bridge on Richland Township 279 (Little McMahan Road), and built two new concrete abutments. It is expected that new concrete box beams will be delivered and set in about one month. In the mean time, they building a new steel beam bridge on Somerset Township Road 4 (Pfeffer Road).

Enjoy the rest of the winter, and hope for an early spring.

County Road 78 - National Oco Road

Work is progressing on a ditching and culvert replacement project on County Road 78. The road has been closed during daylight hours since February 13th and should reopen the first full week of March. Two 12", a 36" and a 48" culvert are being replaced.



Recent Road Improvements / Vacations

Improvement #1111 - vacation of alleys in Dinsmore Addition in Union Township Section 6 Twp. 8 Rg. 5

Improvement #1114 - vacation of alleys in Reeds Addition in Bailey Mills, Warren Township Section 31 Twp. 8 Rg. 6.

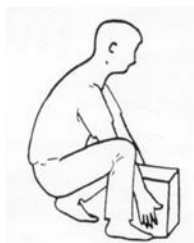
Upcoming CEAO Conferences

Mar. 14 - 15 Ohio Stormwater Conference, held at the Crowne Plaza North Hotel in Columbus, Ohio.

Apr. 11 - 12 Ohio County Bridge Engineers, Supervisors, and Workers Conference & Trade Show, held at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge held near Mt. Sterling, Ohio.

2012 Employee Safety Meeting

April 20, 2012 at the Roscoe Road Garage beginning at 8:00 A.M.
The County Engineer's Offices and Garages will be closed for the day.



2012 Annual Meeting With Township Officials

Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6:00 P.M.

Belmont County Engineer's Department
Roscoe Road Garage
45741 Roscoe Road, St. Clairsville, Ohio

Presentation on Road Use and Maintenance Agreements by

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