

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Memorial Day



Fred's Desk



LAST MONTH, I mentioned that the Belmont County Commissioners were holding public hearings to consider the enactment of an additional \$10 license fee which would generate about \$500,000 annually in funding for paving of county highways and bridge replacement projects. After the second hearing on May 1st, two of the commissioners voted against the increase, with only Commissioner Coffland voting in favor. They did promise that they would try to find us the much needed funding through other sources.

Bids were opened this past week for the furnishing and placement of 59,500 gallons of liquid bituminous material for dust control. The only bidder was Lash Paving, Inc. of Colerain in the amount of \$199,880.00. We should have a signed

contract in about two weeks.

Bids will be opened on June 12th at 10:30 A.M. for the installation of new traffic signals at the intersection of County Highways 28A with 28B (Mall and Banfield Roads). The estimated cost for this project is \$167,160 and is 100% funded by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Bids are scheduled to be opened in early July for the replacement of the 96' long steel truss bridge which carries County Highway 4 (Sand Hill road) over McMahan Creek near Neffs. This bridge was built in 1978 to replace an old truss bridge which collapsed when a fully loaded concrete ready-mix truck tried to cross the structure, which was posted with an eight ton load limit. The new bridge is estimated to cost \$540,000 and will be a

single span concrete box beam structure.

The bridge crew recently completed a new bridge on County Highway 5 (Clover Ridge Road) which crosses Pea Vine Creek in Washington Township. They are now in the process of replacing a bridge on Pultney T-310, Nelan Road.

The road crews are now busy on preparing the various roads for the road oil project. They are also patching, ditching, mowing our roads, and all of the other things necessary to keep them passable.

Monday is Memorial Day, and my wish to all that you to enjoy the day.

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries.

At Arlington National Cemetery, members of "The Old Guard" place American flags at the graves of more than 260,000 fallen.

Ten and Twenty Years Ago

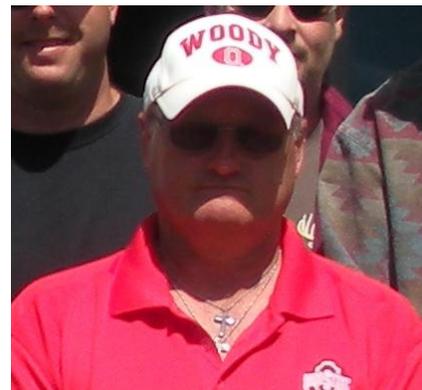
From the May 1993 newsletter, bids were opened on a bridge replacement project on County Road 92 New Castle. The \$175,900 - 80 foot bridge project was awarded to the Ohio Bridge Corp. Also, bids road oil for dust control were received at a cost of \$.64 per gallon from the Ohio Valley Paving Company.

From the May 2003 newsletter, force account amounts were increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000 per mile for road projects and bridge projects were increased from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Congratulations Richard Johnson

Dickie Johnson will retire at the end of May. He started with the Engineer's Department in April of 1983 and worked out of the Lloydsville Garage as a Bridge Worker I

He and his wife Helen reside in the Tacoma area outside of Barnesville. They plan to spend more time with their 2 sons and 4 grandchildren and travel.



PROJECT 13-2



On June 12th, 2013 at 10:30 AM bids will be opened in the Belmont County Commissioners office for PROJECT 13-2 BEL-CR-28 A & B SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT. This project will replace the existing traffic signal devices at the intersection of Mall Road and Banfield road. The existing devices have been in place since the intersection was built in the late 1970's.

Neffs Garage



From left to right: Randall Hammond, Keith Williams, Dayle Conaway, Troy Duffy, Chuck Earliwine and Bob Saffell.