

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

Fred's Desk



WINTER IS HERE, and it's been a cold and snowy one so far. It's been quite some time since we have had so many mornings where the temperatures are below zero. Our road crew, along with help from the bridge crew, has been out over 30 days treating the highways since November. Let's just hope that the groundhog doesn't see his shadow on Sunday.

It looks like 2014 will be another busy construction season, once the weather breaks. Perram Electric, Inc. has completed the installation of the new traffic signals at the Mall Road-Banfield Road intersection, and once the power company completes their work, the signals will be activated. This \$118,494 project is

100% funded by FHWA.

Ohio/West Virginia Excavating Co. will begin work in late March on the construction of a new 98 foot single span, 27 foot wide concrete box beam bridge across McMahon Creek on County Highway 4 (Sand Hill Road) near Neffs. This \$721,350 project is funded by OPWC and local MVGT funds (motor vehicle/gas tax). The project is expected to take about four months to complete.

BOG Construction of Berlin Center, OH will soon begin construction of an ODOT let project to rehabilitate two stone arch bridges which were built in the 1830's as part of the Old National Road.

This \$972,687 project is being funded by FHWA and MVGT funds.

Several projects are expected to be bid by the County Commissioners at various times this year. One will be the annual bid for furnishing and applying approximately 60,000 gallons of Bituminous Liquid Asphalt Materials for dust control on various county highways. The estimated cost is \$200,000 and funded 100% by MVGT funds.

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Don't Forget!

**February 14th!
Valentine's Day**

**February 17th
Presidents Day**

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Two separate guardrail projects will also be bid. One is for the replacement of about 10,300 lineal feet of guardrail at an estimated cost of \$300,000 and funded by FHWA. The other is for replacement of about 7,000 lineal feet of guardrail at an estimated cost of \$200,000 funded by the Belmont County Commissioners.

Another project to be bid will be for the replacement of two county bridges, one on County Highway 54 (Pipe Creek Road) and the other on County Highway 56 (O.K. Road). The estimated cost will be \$540,000 and will be funded by OPWC and MVGT funds.



BEL 54 3.65



BEL 56 20.17

County Highway 26 North (Bethesda to Morristown Road) will also be bid sometime this summer. This \$539,153 paving project will begin at SR 147 in Bethesda and end at US 40 in Morristown, and will be funded by OPWC, the County Commissioners and the Villages of Bethesda and Morristown.

The County Commissioners have also provided \$300,000 for the purchase of bridge beams for about 10 bridges which will be replaced by our bridge crew this year.

This represents about \$1,800,000 in new construction projects, along with about \$1,700,000 in carryover projects. This is going to be a very busy construction season. Let's hope winter doesn't last much longer.

Deed Stats

YEAR	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
DEEDS	2243	2500	2552	2841	2894
TRACTS	4168	4391	4512	4958	4806
AVE DEED/MO	186.9	208.3	212.7	236.8	241.2

Date Change!

Because of scheduling conflicts the dates for the Annual Meeting with Township Officials and the Annual Employee Safety Meeting have been changed.

See below.

April 10th, 2013

Annual Meeting with Township Officials

6:00 P.M. Roscoe Road Garage

April 11th, 2013

Annual Employee Safety Training

January 2004

1507 may not be a number that stands out for a lot of people but for the Engineer's Department this was the beginning of a long 12 months. FEMA Disaster 1507 was caused by heavy rains on January 3rd and 4th, 2004. There were 9 slips on county roads that were estimated to cost \$440,000 to repair.

If that wasn't bad enough, flooding in September of 2004 (FEMA Disaster 1556) and more heavy rains in January 2005 (FEMA Disaster 1580) brought the total estimated damage repair cost to over \$20,000,000.

It took several years to get all of the damaged areas fixed using a combination of our own forces and contractors.



Co. Rd. 10 Crabapple Road



Co. Rd. 86 Pugh Ridge