

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

November Holidays

Veteran's Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving
November 27 & 28

Garages & Offices
Will Be
Closed For The Day

Fred's Desk



OCTOBER ENDS this week, and finally our contractors have showed up to complete their contracts before the snow flies. On October 15, Shelly & Sands began the CH 26 resurfacing project, October 22, Cross Roads Construction began the CH 56 and CH 54 bridge replacement project, and on October 28, M.P. Dory began the CH 22, CH 34 & CH 42 guardrail project.

On October 15, bids were opened for a slip repair project on CH 86, Pugh Ridge Road. Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. was low bidder at \$214,214. The other two bidders were BBR Drilling Co., at \$241,000 and Ohio Bridge Co. at \$289,740. This project is mainly being funded

by the Ohio Public Works Commission's emergency funds. This project will be done within the next few months.

The oil and gas companies continue to help us improve some of our roadways. Gulfport Energy Corp. recently completed cement stabilization and resurfacing 3.34 miles of CH 86 (Pugh Ridge Road), and is presently doing the same to 1.14 miles of CH 102 (Sandy Ridge Road). They also resurfaced about 0.8 miles of Ch 100 (McMillan Road). American Energy Utica Co. is also in the process of upgrading several roadways. We also are working with Hess Ohio Resources, Rice Drilling and XTO Energy on other roadways.

We are also working with several companies who are now installing pipelines from the various well pads to tie the wells to transmission lines. Regency Utica Gas will soon be installing a transmission line thru the eastern part of Belmont County, running from Jefferson County to Monroe County. In preparing for this work they have recently resurfaced 2 miles of CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road) and about 1 mile of CH 14 (Farmington Road). Spectra Energy will also soon be building their large line in about the same general area.

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Subsidence

Over the weekend of October 25th, crews were called out twice to repair areas that were affected by mine subsidence on County Road 84, Airport Road and County Road 92, Ballard Hunter Road. Cracks in the roadway appeared after the longwall mining operation had passed through the vicinity and subsidence started.



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Between the drilling companies and the pipeline companies, 51 Road Use Maintenance Agreements (RUMA) have been signed by the county commissioners in 2014, with several more pending.

Our crews continue to prepare for winter. Last week, an inspection of all snow and ice control equipment was held. Barring an extremely bad December, we have enough salt, grits and cinders to last until sometime in January. This year's salt price has more than doubled from last year, going from \$36.45 per ton last winter to \$73.43 this coming winter.

With all of the contract work to be completed, and the need to conserve salt, let's hope for mild and dry weather the rest of 2014.

Upcoming CEAO Conferences

December 7-9, 2014

2014 CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference

Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, Ohio

March 10-11, 2015

2015 Ohio Storm Water Management and Drainage Conference

Crowne Plaza North, Columbus, Ohio

April 15-16, 2015

2015 Bridge Workers, Supervisors & Engineers Conference & Trade Show

Deer Creek State Park Lodge, Mt. Sterling, Ohio



Construction Projects

Right: guardrail project on County Road 42, Hospital Road.

Below: paving on County Road 26, 26 North.

Below right: fabric being laid on County Road 26, North 26.

