

# County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

## Fred's Desk



**TWO WEEKS AGO** we held our Annual Township Trustee and Fiscal Officers meeting, followed the next day by our Annual Employee's Safety meeting. We had great speakers for both meetings

At the township meeting, Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs for the Ohio Township Association, spoke on what is happening on the state level which affects townships. Thirteen of our sixteen townships were represented. Also, several county officials and directors attended.

At the employee's safety meeting, Brian Dawes of James C. Dawes Co. talked about welding safety, Trooper Visvari of the Ohio State Patrol spoke on various highway safety issues, and Matt Hennis of OUPS reminded us about the importance of "Call Before You Dig."

In the afternoon, Larry Wilkin of Columbia Gas discussed work zone safety around gas lines, followed by a first aid instruction by Steve Clark, our sign worker, who also volunteers with the Somerton Fire Department.

All speakers did a great job, and my "thanks"

goes to all of them. Also, my "thanks" to John Parkinson and Terry Lively for lining up the speakers.

May 27th has been set for the date for the bid opening for a new bridge replacement project on CH 10 (Barton-Blaine Road). This near \$1,000,000 project will be funded 80% by FHWA and 20% by OPWC. Work is expected to begin in late July.

It looks like we are going to have another busy summer. In the mean time, enjoy the spring weather.

### Upcoming CEAO Conferences

**June 16**  
Land Records  
Modernization  
Conference

**August 12 & 13**  
Ohio Bridge  
Conference

**September 21 thru 23**  
Ohio GIS Conference



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## *Annual Employee Safety Meeting*



Brian Dawes of the James C. Dawes Co. talks welding safety.



Trooper Visvari of the Ohio Highway Patrol fields questions.



Matt Hennis of OUPS talks about the importance of Call Before You Dig.



Larry Wilkin of Columbia Gas discusses work zone safety around gas lines.



Steve Clark of the Engineer's Department talks about first aid.

## ***Annual Meeting With Township Officials***

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The annual meeting with Township Officials was held at the Belmont County Engineer's Department Roscoe Road garage the evening of April 16th. A crowd of 45 was gathered to hear about issues affecting all townships and county road



Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs with the Ohio Township Association, gave an update on what is happening at the state level concerning Townships.



Franklin Shaffer, President of the Belmont County Township Association, talks about local issues.

## ***Embankment Failures***

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The Engineer's Department is collecting data and estimating repair cost for 12 embankment failures that have appeared since mid March. Several Townships are also collecting repair cost. This information will be sent to the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to see if it qualifies for funding.



Embankment failures on county roads include these on Co. Rd. 54 (left) and Co. Rd. 4 (right).