

County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department



Happy 4th of July!

Fred's Desk



JUNE IS OVER, and with July comes the heart of our 2015 construction season. Along with several projects, and the busy activity of the oil and gas drilling and the pipeline construction, a lot of work will be going on this summer.

Lash Paving has completed the resurfacing 2.00 miles of CH 18 (Lansing Cheerment), 2.18 miles of CH 20 (Blaine-Cheerment) and 1.98 miles of the east end of CH 214 (High Ridge Road). They will soon begin the resurfacing of 5.47 miles of CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road). This \$1,131,805 project is being funded by the Belmont County Commissioners.

Bids were opened in May for furnishing and placement of 60,000 gallons of Bituminous Liquid Asphalt Materials for dust control. Lash Paving Co. has been awarded this \$188,575 project funded by MVGT funds. This work will begin in July.

Bids were opened also in May for the replacement of a 140' long 3 span concrete arch bridge on CH 10 (Barton-Blaine Road), with Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Company the low bidder of \$948,283. This project is funded 80% by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and 20% by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). Work

should begin by late July.

Bids will be opened on July 15 for the repair of three embankment failures caused by the heavy spring rains. One is located on CH 2 (Deep Run Road) and two on CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road). This project is estimated to cost \$328,940 with OPWC providing 90% of the funding.

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So far this year, the Oil & Gas Companies and Pipeline Companies have resurfaced one mile of CH 56 (Vineyard Road), 1.4 miles of CH 5 (Ramsey Ridge Road), and soon be resurfacing 5 miles of CH 5 (Clover Ridge Road), 1.7 miles of CH 4 (Sand Hill Road), 7.5 miles of CH 48 (Wegee Road), and about 5 miles of CH 86, 92 & 26 in the Bethesda to Goshen Twp. 194 on CH 86 (Pleasant Ridge Road). Several roads were resurfaced the past few years and it is anticipated that additional roads will be done later this year or next year.

We took part with ODOT in their Summer Fill Up bid for furnishing bulk salt for this coming winter. The low bidder was American Salt Co. at \$80.82 per ton, and we have committed to buying 1000 tons which is now being delivered. We also took part in the Winter Fill Up to purchase another 2500 tons. The cost for the salt is \$74.51 per ton.

This year we will be celebrating the 239th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Enjoy your 4th of July holiday, and be safe.

Project 15-4 Slip Repair Locations

BEL 2-4.60



BEL 54—3.4 AND 3.60



Welcome Ken Wehr

Ken Wehr started his employment at the Roscoe Road garage on June 29th as a Highway Worker II.

He and his wife Julie reside in the Barnesville area and have a 14 year old daughter Mindi.

Ken enjoys hunting and fishing when he gets a chance.

Welcome Ken!



New Equipment



Two new John Deere 5100M tractors and two new mower decks were recently delivered. The equipment was purchased through the State of Ohio Procurement Department. The tractors were delivered by Kuester implement Company of St. Clairsville. The mower decks have a five foot cutting width in the back with a five foot wing on the right side.