

# County Update

The Monthly Newsletter For The Belmont County Engineer's Department

## Fred's Desk



**JANUARY IS ABOUT OVER**, and last weekend we had our first sufficient snowfall of the winter, with 4" to 10" depending where you were in the county. With Groundhog Day next week, maybe the groundhog will give us good news.

With 2016 arriving, now would be a good time to review what major projects were accomplished in 2015.

In February, Ohio – West Virginia began a \$260,674 Slip repair project on County Roads 4 (Barton-Colerain Road) and CH 86 (Pugh Ridge Road). This was funded 90% by the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC). This work was completed in April.

In May, Lash Paving began a \$1,131,805 re-surfacing project which paved 11.63 miles of portions of CH 214 (High Ridge Road), CH 18 (Lansing-Cheermont) and CH 54 (Pipe Creek), and all of CH 20 (Blaine-Cheermont.) This was 100% funded by the County Commissioners, and all work is completed except for permanent pavement markings.

In July, work began on the replacement of a three span concrete arch bridge on CH 10 (Barton-Blaine Road). Ohio-West Virginia was awarded this \$948,283 contract to construct a new three span concrete slab bridge, 130' in length with about 730' of approach work. This project was funded 80% by FHWA and 20%

OPWC. The new bridge was opened to traffic on November 25th.

In August, Lash Paving began a \$188,575 project to furnish and apply about 60,000 gallons of bituminous liquid asphalt materials for dust control. This was funded by our Motor Vehicle. Gas Tax (MYGT) and was completed in September.

Also in August, Ohio-West Virginia Excavating Co. began another slip repair project. This \$214,214 project was located on CH 2 (Deep Run Road) and two locations on CH 54 (Pipe Creek Road). It was also funded 90% by OPWC and 10% MVGT. Work was completed in November.

**Don't Forget!  
February 14th!  
Valentine's Day**



**February 15th  
President's Day**



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In September, Lash Paving began a second resurfacing project totaling 11.02 miles of various portions of county highway, including CH 4 (Sand Hill Road, Willow Grove Road and St. Clairsville Barton Road), CH 5 (St. Clairsville-Crescent Road) and CH 42 (Fulton Hill Road). This \$1,068,813 project was also funded by the County Commissioners.

In addition to the 22.65 miles of resurfacing listed above, another 33.83 miles of various county highways were upgraded and resurfaced by various contractors working for several oil & gas companies, along with some pipeline companies. This represents a total of 56.48 miles of newly paved roads in 2015. This was due to 154 oil & gas wells now permitted by ODNR in Belmont County.

Although drilling has slowed down somewhat, it is anticipated that in 2016 several more miles of our highways will see new pavement. This is good news for the travelling public who use our highways.

April 21st, 2015  
***Annual Meeting with Township Officials***  
6:00 P.M. Roscoe Road Garage

April 22nd, 2015  
***Annual Employee Safety Training***

All garages and offices will be closed.



## *Current Projects*

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Project currently underway include the bridge replacement on Richland Township Road 723 - Tar Run, pictured at the right. The work is being done by county forces.

Below left and right is an embankment stabilization project on Washington Township Road 101. This project is being done by GSI



## *Just A Reminder*

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The minimum height for any utility (such as a telephone or TV cable) crossing a public road is 15.5 feet.

The minimum height for any electrical wire is 16 feet.

This is in accordance to the National Electric Code Rule # 232.

