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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Cold mix asphalt patching of potholes was performed on Scandia, Munden and Narka paved roads and will continue throughout the county as weather permits.

- The Cat 12M2 motor grader for District 10 that was being re-built by Foley's Topeka Shop is ready to return to service. The hour meter has been reset to zero and it has received a new three-year warranty. Foley will deliver it to the County's yard next week.



- The transmission on one of our Transportation Buses has failed. With the Federal Surplus bus we acquired last year we are able to continue to provide uninterrupted service to our residents. We are consulting KDOT for approval to make repairs or to be considered for a replacement bus due to its age and high mileage.
- We have selected BG consultants for the N-190 bridge replacement that will be advertised for Construction Bids within the next 30 days.
- We are evaluating paving preservation projects for 2026 and considering sharing resources with Cloud County for our mutual benefit. Both counties need to consider what they can afford first and will be meeting regularly over the next month to develop a plan.
- **KDOT has agreed to Load Test Bridge L-29.21.** We will participate with equipment and operators. They are developing a scope of work. The current load rating of 6 tons is based on theoretical values that are a product of computer modeling, which may not represent how the bridge is really performing. There are several other bridges of this design type across the state that are a concern to their owners. Through the load rating program, KDOT will do some additional testing on a few of these bridge types to better understand how they are performing. The hope is that the testing will allow them to refine their analysis and produce higher posting levels.

Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
132	170 Road .0-.8 mile south of US-36; road & drainage improvements are needed.	Investigating solutions and impacts to adjacent properties	Open
45	Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.	KDOT is preparing a scope of work to improve KS-148 that passes through the community of Norway. This should significantly improve drainage in the area. We are expecting details and a schedule by the summer of 2026.	Open
Construction			
117	Marble Road .45 mile east of 270 Road, a wood box drainage structure is damaged	Needs replaced with 48" x 40' Culvert.	Open
119	130 RD .55 West of Zeal RD South side; Trees/Brush need removed;	Utilities have been located. Landowner agrees to tree pile placement on his property.	Open
124	Talmo Lane .75 Miles North of K-148 on the West side; a Driveway needs improved and the ditch needs cleaned to stop scouring in the farmer's field.	90% Complete	Open
125	100 Road .06 Miles South of Ash Road on the East side; Drainage improvements are requested to keep the water in the East Ditch.	Investigating	Open
128	50 Road .08 miles south of KS-148, on the west side; a new field access is needed.	Complete	Open
131	230 Road .27 mile north of Queen Road on the east side; driveway improvements are needed.	Investigating	Open
52	70 Road between US36 and Queen Road; Drainage improvements are needed on both sides of the Road	60% Completed overall. Drainage improvements will continue after harvest.	Open
Maintenance			
50	30 Road improvements are needed to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road.	4 miles have been completed.	Open
53	60 Road between Elm and Ash Roads needs the shoulders pulled and fortified with rock and econo-base then finished with gravel.		Open

Upcoming Events

1. 19 Line Agreements with Great Plans Communication for utility extensions into Republic County south of Byron and south of Chester.
2. High Banks Wind Energy activity at Towers 53, 78, 170 (crane will be needed at 170)
3. Annual Report on High Banks Wind Energy/NextEra Agreement compliance issues.
4. Right-of-Way vacations for a portion of Seapo Trail in Section 21 of Grant Township and for the SW corner of Section 35 in Liberty Township (old Marble/US81 intersection ROW) are being prepared for Commission consideration.
5. The County Attorney is preparing a quit claim deed for the transfer of the Poor Farm Cemetery to the Republic County Historical Society.
6. New R&B Shop Proposal.