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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 Fir Road between US-81 and Republic 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 back in service.
- 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. KDOT has approved a cost share funding request for the repairs and is considering a replacement of the Bus in 2027.
- We are evaluating paving preservation projects for 2026 and considering sharing resources with Cloud County for our mutual benefit. **Representatives from both County Road & Bridge Departments will meet with Ellsworth County on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March** to consider their Cold Recycled Overlay process. Ellsworth has found this to be a cost effective and efficient method for improving the average paving condition in their County.

#### High Banks Wind Energy

- Mobilization of equipment is occurring at Tower #78 for main bearing replacement. This site is east of 270 and Lincoln Roads on the north side. Mobilization began February 21 and will include approximately 15 oversized loads for pad dunnage and crane components. Traffic will occur between 7 am and 7 pm for several days. The haul route begins at US-36, proceeding north to King Road, then west around the section to Lincoln proceeding east 5.5 miles.



# Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
<b>Administration</b>			
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
<b>Construction</b>			
117	Marble Road .45 mile east of 270 Road, a wood box drainage structure is damaged	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
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.	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
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.	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Closed</b>
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
<b>Maintenance</b>			
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 Tower 78)**
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.