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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Road crews worked Saturday, removing snow in subzero temperatures. All major gravel collectors were opened; none were drifted closed. We experienced an equipment failure with one of our plow trucks and one motor grader jelled up. As a result, Munden and Agenda paved roads became compacted under local traffic before the snow could be removed. They will be sanded Monday morning.
- We are preparing a request for funding assistance to replace bridge Q-4.1. This bridge is on Queen Road just east of Courtland and 40 Road. The structure is over 100 years old. In preparation for submitting applications to KDOT's cost share bridge replacement program, we have concluded that three of our bridges with the lowest structural sufficiency ratings can be replaced on our own with railroad tanker shells. This can be performed over the next year at a cost lower than our cost share in the replacement program would be. This would also remove them from our bridge inventory and reduce our maintenance expenses and reporting obligations. Those bridges are:
 - D-9.4. This bridge is on Diamond Road .4 mile east of 90 Road. This is a farm access road and the drainage of a watershed intersecting the road can be accommodated with half of a 10ft diameter railroad tanker shell (10ft wide x 5 ft high x 40ft long with a ½ inch steel floor and ¼ inch steel headwall).
 - X-23.9. This bridge is on Xavier Road .9 mile east of 230 Road. This is a farm access road and the drainage of a watershed intersecting the road can be satisfied with an 8ft x 40ft corrugated metal pipe.
 - X-11.9. This bridge is on Xavier Road .9 mile east of 110 Road. This is a farm access road and the drainage of a watershed intersecting the road can be accommodated with half of a 10ft diameter railroad tanker shell (10ft wide x 5 ft high x 40ft long with a ½ inch steel floor and ¼ inch steel headwall).
- The Cat 12M2 motor grader for District 10 that is being re-built by Foley's Topeka Shop will be ready for a final inspection February 10.
- In response to community concerns about 170 Road just south of US-36 in Belleville we are planning a road lift to restore the crown to the road in front of properties that have been sheet draining across the road since their ditches were filled in. If we can achieve this with cooperation from the property owners, we will consider finishing the road surface with 4-6 inches of asphalt millings to reduce the amount of dust raised by vehicle traffic. This project will not begin for several months.

Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
45	Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.	Currently being investigated by KDOT for KS148 ROW improvements.	Open
Construction			
117	Marble Road .45 mile east of 270 Road, a wood box drainage structure is damaged	Investigating	Open
118	Valley Road .60 miles West of 150 Road on the South side; Landowner is requesting trees be removed and ditch cleaning for new fence installation.	Landowner has removed old fence and will provide a location to pile trees. Complete	Closed
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.	Utility Locate will be completed by 01-22	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.	Utility Locate Completed	Open
126	290 Road 0.5 Miles North of Fir Road on the West side; Trees and brush need removed for new fence installation.	Utility Locate Completed	Open
127	Shady Road .5 Miles East of 260 Road on the South side; Landowner requesting Trees and Brush be removed for new fence installation.	Completed	Closed
128	50 Road .08 miles south of KS-148, on the west side; a new field access is needed.	Investigating, an 18"X40' CMP is requested	Open
129	80 Road .5 miles South of Lincoln Road on the West side; Landowner requesting Trees and Brush be removed from right of way.	Supervisor noted that the Tree Mulcher would be the best plan of action for this job.	Open
130	11 Road, .06 mile south of Timber Road; Landowner is requesting a new Driveway.	New 18"X 40' CPM Requested	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
99	Nickel Road .01 Miles east of Riverview Lane; a crossroad culvert is plugged causing ponding on the south landowner	Utility Locate will be completed by 01-27	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. 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.
2. The County Attorney is preparing a quit claim deed for the transfer of the Poor Farm Cemetery to the Republic County Historical Society.
3. New R&B Shop Proposal.
4. Waste Hauling Agreement for 2026