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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- The cost of Highway Diesel fuel, averaged over the past year, exceeded \$3.00 per gallon last week, so invoicing for waste hauling will include a fuel surcharge until the running average falls below \$3.00 per gallon again.
- The cost of oil for asphalt products has increased to 167% of what it was estimated to be for this year. At this point we can only commit to patching, even though we have a very robust program planned for this year. Prices will need to come down by June, or we risk delays of up to a year.
- Geotechnical work will begin in the area of the proposed new shop within the next 2 weeks.
- A virtual kick-off meeting with consultants on the new shop design will be held May 12 @ 3:30 pm.
- A 16" gas line in the right-of-way on the north side of Cedar Road, just west of 170 Road will be excavated for a repair by the utility company beginning May 8. Road closures should be expected. The project should be completed within a week.
- Draft Budgets for 2027 have been prepared for Roads & Bridges, Solid Waste, Transportation and Weed Departments. Proposed increases vary from the high of 4% for the Weed Department to a 2.3% overall increase for the Roads & Bridges Department.
- We are still clearing drainage structures of debris accumulated by heavy rains a month ago. Crews will be working on 170 road north of Cedar Road beginning May 11 to remove 3-5,000 yards of cornstalks that have plugged several drainage structures under 170 road. The owner of the property will allow them to be disposed of on his property although much of the debris originated miles upstream. There may be 3 acres or more outside the right-of-way in this area that could not be planted due to the depth of the debris.
- KDOT load testing of Bridge L-29.21 is expected to be performed soon. This should allow the posted load limit to be increased. Currently it has a posted load limit of 6 tons which limits though traffic to passenger trucks and cars and not much more.
- Reese Construction is the apparent low bidder for the construction of a replacement bridge on Nickel Road just west of 190 Road. Their Bid was \$431,000. KDOT has been authorized by the Commission to proceed. Construction is expected to begin at the late start date of November 2026, which will allow Nickle Road to remain open during harvest.
- The County has submitted Grant applications for an overlay project on 220 Road between Munden and US-36 and the replacement of a bridge on Queen Road 1.1 miles east of 30 Road in Courtland.

Community Concerns

| ID | Description | Notes/Progress/Resolution | Status |
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| Administration | | | |
| 132 | 170 Road .0-.8 mile south of US-36; road & drainage improvements are needed. | Investigating solutions and impacts on 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. | Open |
| Construction | | | |
| 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 |
| 136 | Queen Road .75 mile east of 30 Road on the north side; the Ditch needs cleaned of Brush and trees for .25 mile to 40 Road. | Investigating | Open |
| 137 | 150 Road .17 mile north of US-36, on the west side of the road; a driveway needs improved. | Extend culvert 10ft on the south side, regrade to remove eyebrow at the entrance. | Open |
| 138 | Fir Road .67 mile east of 220 Road; a culvert under the road needs replaced. | | Open |
| 139 | 180 Road and Marble Road intersection; a sight obstruction was reported on the NW corner of the intersection. | Investigating | Open |
| 140 | Rock Road .25 miles east of 90 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting a new driveway be installed. | New 18"x30' CMP needed | Open |
| 141 | At the T intersection of 90 Road and Rock Road on the west side; a driveway needs replaced. | Landowner requesting the narrow 2'x15' concrete box be removed. Replace with a 24"x30' CMP | Open |
| 142 | Nickel Road .6 mile west of 150 Road on the south side a new Culvert needs installed' | Install a new 18"X40' CMP Culvert. | Open |
| 144 | 170 Road .6 Miles north of Fir Road on the west side; Landowner is requesting a new driveway. | Completed | Closed |
| 145 | Granite Road .4 miles west of 170 Road on the south side; Landowner is requesting ditches be cleaned and the driveway culvert be improved. | Utilities have been located and work will begin May11 | Open |
| 148 | Birch Road.25 miles east of 110 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting plugged culvert be replaced. | New 18"x30' CMP needed | Open |
| 150 | Ash Road .5 miles east of 100 Road on the south side; Landowner requesting a new driveway. | 18"x 40' CMP requested | 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 | | | |
| 146 | 160 Road .75 miles north of Diamond Road on the west side; Ditch needs cleaned. | Landowner requesting the ditch be cleaned for .25 miles to install new fence, also place rip-rap around the box culvert to prevent scouring. | Open |
| 149 | Queen Road .1 mile west of 130 Road on the north and south side; ditch cleaning requested. | Investigating | Open |

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| 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. | 2 miles have been completed. | Open |

Upcoming Events

1. **Line Agreement 110-T.1 Eitzmann/Bestifor Farms.**
2. Annual Report on High Banks Wind Energy/NextEra Agreement compliance issues.
3. 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.