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## Weekly Report to Commissioners

### Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

#### **Roads and Bridges**

- Bridge T-22.7 on Timber Road remains closed until the bridge can be repaired.
- Our latest CAT Motor Grader Re-build that was sent back to address a warrantee issue will be returned to service by April 17. We have been provided with a loaner until it is returned.
- The slab for the new radio tower site is complete.
- KU's Technical Training Center on-site Gravel Road and Street Maintenance Class for Republic County Motor Grader Operators was postponed due to forecasted rain. This class will be re-scheduled as soon as possible. The training will include a day in a classroom setting and a day in the field. We expect this class to introduce some industry practices that will be helpful to our operations. The class will also facilitate discussions about development of an operating guide for Republic County that will help new employees gain proficiency more efficiently and achieve a more uniform product between our 10 motor grader districts. We have invited an operator employed by the City of Belleville to attend as well.
- KDOT load testing of Bridge L-29.21 is expected to be performed before the end of April. 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.
- KDOT will be soliciting bids on April 22, this month, for the construction of a replacement bridge on Nickel Road just east of the 190 Road intersection. The County's share of the costs will probably be limited to the design and inspection services expenses. There are a limited number of Bidders and many projects being advertised this year. This project is one of the smaller ones. KDOT has proposed that the County allow a late start of November 13, 2026, to encourage more participation. The Highway Administrator has agreed to this since this will allow Nickel Road to remain open through Harvest and limit its closure to the winter months.
- The County has Grant applications in 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.
- The Highway Administrator and both Road Supervisors will meet with Cloud County on the 14<sup>th</sup> to continue discussions about combining resources on paving preservation projects.

# 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 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   |
| <b>Construction</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   |
| 135                   | Bridge T-22.7 (6-ton load limit) on Timber Road .7 mile east of 220 Road has sustained damage from an oversized load that broke through the deck. | The bridge is temporarily closed until repairs can be made.  | 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.                        |  | 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 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.   | Install a new 24"x30' CMP  | Open   |
| 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.        | Investigating  | Open   |
| 147                   | Elm Road .25 miles east of 90 Road on the north side; Landowner is requesting driveway improvements.  | After investigation a new 18"x30' CMP needs installed.   | 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   | New    |
| 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>    |   |  |        |
| 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   |
| 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 Fir 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. County Engineer's Report to KDOT
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.
4. New R&B Shop Proposal.