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## Weekly Report to Commissioners

### Community Concerns

#### Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- 40 Road .1 mile south of Fir Road on the west side; a driveway needs to be moved north several yards to avoid conflict with a canal. *Culvert may be able to be re-used*
- 150 Road .4 mile south of Valley Road; a 30" x 40' culvert under the road needs to be replaced along with some ditch cleaning and regrading of the road. Borrow material, if needed may be available from an adjacent property owner.
- 30 Road .25 mile south of Nickel Road on the west side; a 30" driveway culvert will be replaced with a 30" x 40' CMP. The property owner will reimburse the County for 10' of material.
- 30 Road .3 mile north of US36 Highway; a new 30 ft driveway is requested, (18" x 30' CMP)
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#### Other Concerns:

- Nickel Road .3 mile east of 200 Road; the outfall of a culvert under the road has scoured a hole that is undermining the shoulder of the road.
- 120 Road south of KS-148 approaching the intersection of Xavier and east to 110; trees and brush need cleared from the right-of-way on both sides of the Road.
- 210 Road .5 mile south of Granite Road; requires trees and brush to be removed from the Right-of-Way.
- Northbound 170 Road traffic cannot safely enter the Fir Road intersection safely due to limited site distances. Brush removal and mowing help a little but not a lot. Backslope may need to be re-graded
- Zeal Road ¼ mile east of 220 Road; brush piled from right-of-way clearing several years ago needs to be removed or burned.
- A stop sign is requested for west bound traffic at the intersection of Oak and 100 Roads. Visibility for south bound traffic from the farm access road is limited to the east due to a high back slope on the north side of Oak Road. Currently only south bound traffic at this intersection is stopped. *A temporary stop sign has been installed until the backslope can be modified to increase visibility.*
- 20 Road just north of Oak Road on the east side; material from the back slope of a ditch was borrowed to lift the road during culvert replacement. There is now a concern that runoff will top the backslope and enter the field, causing erosion. *Completed*

- Shady Road west of 30 Road, concerns have been expressed about a driveway from an irrigation canal right of way draining onto the road and what improvement the property owner and the County to make to improve the situation.
- 20 Road between Queen and Rock Road, improvements are needed. Water is ponding on the road.

## Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

### Roads and Bridges

- Work began on improving the low water bridge on Penn Road .25 mile west of 170 Road. The City of Belleville assisted by potholing a fiber utility in the middle of the road. It was found more than 4 ft below the surface. This will enable the slopes in and out of the crossing to be eased quite a bit for improved travel.
- A dust control palliative was applied to 70 Road for 9/10's of a mile south of US-36.
- 130 Road at the Rydal Railroad Crossing has been lowered so that the crossing is higher than the road instead of lower. This will make it easier for Kyle to maintain their crossing.
- One of the new mowing tractors lost its PTO this week. The tractor is still under warranty and the vendor has offered a replacement until repairs are completed.



### PENDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS

#### Bridge and Culverts Division Project List (in order of priority)

1. Penn Road .25 mile west of 170 Road; a low water crossing is breaking apart and needs to be overlaid with concrete and protected with riprap.
2. Norway Lane: drainage improvements are needed.
3. Cedar Road .75 mile east of 240 Road; a narrow wood box culvert needs to be replaced with a 10.5ft x 45ft rail tanker tube.
4. Cedar Road .6 mile east of 240 Road on the south side; a driveway needs a 24" x 40' CMP installed to allow stormwater to remain on the south side of the right-of-way as it moves east to a creek.

#### Roads and Driveways Division Project List (in order of priority)

1. Rock Road between 30 & 50 Roads; a regrade, ditch cleaning and improved gravel finish may be necessary.
2. 100 Road .28 mile south of Timber Road on the west side; a 30" squash crossroad pipe has been cleaned out transferring runoff from acreage on the east side to a shallow ditch on the west side that cannot get through a plugged culvert several hundred feet to the south. The farmer believes most of the runoff could stay on the west side with some ditch cleaning.
3. Queen Road, west of 20 Road, tree removal, ditch cleaning and driveway upgrades needed for the first .5 mile. *40 ft driveway installed; some ditch cleaning still needed.*

4. Penn Road, east of Scandia on the south side; trees/brush need to be removed from the right-of-way.
5. 30 Road improvements to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road. *4 miles have been completed.*
6. Cut and patch 4-6ft of Concrete at 170 Road near residence 1549 (*Primary Road; Currently 23x23 & 10x23 inch potholes where previous asphalt patch has failed*). *A hot asphalt patch is being tested at this location.*

## Upcoming Events

1. **Cunningham is seeking a line agreement to place fiber in 130 Road South of US36 and 140 Road south of KS148.**
2. U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. announced \$1,520,000 in grant funding to the North Central Regional Planning Commission from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grant program.
  - a. *The Highway Administrator is communicating with the North Central Region Planning Commission (NCRPC) about what this means for Republic County. Representatives for the NCRPC do not know yet but hope to bring all the member counties together within the next 60-90 days to consider next steps.*
3. Vacations of Right-of-Ways are proposed for 3 road spurs adjacent to Highway 81 that were abandoned after improvements to the Highway many years ago.