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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Community Concerns

Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- 120 Road, South of Fir, requesting 2 farm access culverts, ¼ mile & ½ mile south of Fir.
 - Site Visit with Property Owner held on May 27. Need to return to complete scope of work, flag locations and confirm with owner.
- Diamond Road near Farm Residence 175, requesting extension or redirection of a large diameter culvert.
 - Investigating
- Shady Road between 130 and 140 roads, farm access culvert requested.
 - Investigating
- Premium feeders near Scandia needs an access culvert installed.
 - Investigating
- Sheriff's Office reported possible culvert damage East of the intersection of 70 and Queen Roads due to an accident that involved a truck leaving the road.
 - Investigating

Other Drainage Issues:

- 40 Road ½ mile north of Fir, resident has drainage concerns and would like a site visit.
 - Need to confirm appointment.

Road Surface Concerns:

- 60 Road, Fir to Ash; Birch, 50 to 60; Cedar, 60 to 80.
 - Resident in the area claims roads were not passible after the recent rain without a 4-wheel drive vehicle. The Administrator has driven the roads and confirmed that road profiles are losing their crown due to a lack of maintenance and vehicles are penetrating a thinly graveled surface, especially where there is standing water. The county is short an Operator in this District. Operators from other Districts will correct this condition immediately. Hopefully, an offer of employment will be accepted this week to help address the department's staffing shortage.
- Ruts at the edge of the concrete on 170 Road near Marble Road need filled.
 - Completed.

- Lincoln Road at the intersection with 170 needs gravel in response to concerns about slipping and rutting upon leaving 170.
 - Completed
- 280 Road between Granite and King Roads, several residents expressed concern about potholes.
 - Completed with 1 yard of winter cold mix to fill the potholes.
- 902 Elm requesting gravel and grading near residence.
 - Investigating

Requests for Gravel:

- Shady Road, extend gravel from 120 Road West 400 feet for all weather access to Grain Storage.
 - Work accomplished on June 3. Owner has agreed to reimburse County for the Gravel.

Bridge Concerns:

None

Weed Control Concerns:

None

Solid Waste Concerns:

None

Transportation Concerns:

None

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Metal roofing was installed on the south slope of the new Shop Addition. Installation of end and back wall metal panels will be completed by end of the day on June 7, then metal roofing on the north slope and the ridge cap will be installed.
- Two applicants were interviewed for Driver, Grader/Equipment Operator positions on June 3. We will be extending an offer of employment to both on



June 8 and begin the pre-employment screening process immediately. If our offers are accepted, one applicant will be able to start right away and the other needs a few weeks to respect the needs of his current employer.

- PENDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS (in order of priority)
- 1. 6-inch overlay has been contracted for the eastern approach to Bridge F5.35, Republican River at Republic on Fir. *(Primary Road; 2-inch overlay had broken up creating unsafe road conditions)*
- 2. Marsh Trail and 20 Road South, ditch cleaning. *(Collector Road; Needed after fire response filled shallow ditches with debris).*
- 3. 150 Road, North of Marble Road needs to be built up over the first culvert. *(Collector Road; water flows over the road).*
- 4. Republic County Historical Museum drainage swale and small diameter culvert will be installed between parking lot and driveway to outdoor exhibits.
- 5. Republic County Historical Museum 6.5 x 9 ft x 6" slab of concrete (5,000 lbs.) will be relocated from a fuel station on the property to the site of a historic jail cage, leveled and cage lowered on top of it.
- 6. 220 Road, between Marble and Nickle Roads, pavement cut needed to excavate and replace culvert, then patch and repair pavement. *(Culvert beneath blacktop collapsing).*
- 7. Jade Road, requesting north side field access culvert between 140 & 150 Roads, 100 yards west of waterway. *(Preferred location has been flagged and installation will be performed before harvest)*
- 8. Cut and patch 4-6 ft of Concrete at 170 Road near residence 1549 *(Primary Road; Currently 23x23 & 10x23 inch potholes where previous asphalt patch has failed however potholes are shallow and should be scheduled with other pothole repairs).*
- 9. Fir Road, east of Residence at 2641, Ditch work needed to re-route drainage out of field and a damaged culvert replaced.
- 10. Granite Road, between 70 & 80 Roads Ditch Cleaning needed. *(Water running over road, however it is a service road, and the bridge is closed).*
- 11. King Road, East of bridge K-7.2, Ditch Cleaning needed, *(Service Road).*

Solid Waste

- 2 more truckloads of asphalt millings were delivered to the landfill and spread with the dozer to improve driving surfaces. This completes much needed improvements to service areas of the landfill for now.
- The smaller Dozer is out of service while the track is being repaired and is expected to return to service within a week.

Transportation

- Equipment Inspection Scheduled for 6/29/21

Weed Control.

- Spraying around Guard rails is being performed throughout the County's Road system.

Upcoming Events

- Advertisement for Bids will be posted the week for the Courtland to 148 Overlay project. Bids will be due on July 2. Presentation of the Bids to the Commissioners for consideration will occur on July 6. The Engineering Company of Kirkham Michael will be presenting.
 - The Engineer's estimate in \$679,000. This will be a 50/50 Cost Share Project with KDOT
 - Main Street in Courtland will be milled to receive the overlay so that the finish surface will be flush with adjacent parking and 6 feet wider than the overlay proposed for 30 Road south to Highway 148. This is essential to having a quality product however the additional 6 feet in width will be at the County's expense.

- Bidding and Construction of Off System Bridge K-7.2
 - Final set of Design Documents will be presented for Commissioner Approval once they are received from the Engineer. Engineer is waiting for final comments from the State Department of Transportation.
 - State Department of Transportation Cost Sharing Agreement 144-21 is ready for Commissioner Approval. These will be presented with the Final Design Documents once they are received.