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## Weekly Report to Commissioners

### Community Concerns

#### Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- 130 Road .13 miles north of Elm Road; Resident requesting silt to be cleaned out from under box culvert and channel straightened.
- 200 Road .6 miles south of Rock Road on the east side; Resident requesting trees be removed from right of way for new fence installation. *After investigating, the road supervisor also found that a crossroad culvert 30"x40' at this location needs to be replaced.*
- Talmo Lane .3 miles south of K-148; A 30"x 40' crossroad culvert has separated and needs replaced.

#### Other Concerns:

- 30 Road .25 miles north of Oak Road; Report of guardrail damaged in vehicle accident.
- Cedar Road .5 miles east of 250 Road on the north side; Resident requesting trees be removed from right of way for .5 miles. *Investigating*
- 110 Road .2 miles north of Hickory Road on the west side; Resident requesting trees be removed from right of way for .5 miles. New fence construction.

## Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

#### Roads and Bridges

- The new bridge on Xavier, south of Talmo, has been re-opened for public use. The contractor seeded and blanketed approximately 90% of the project. The contractor will finish seeding when the area is dry enough to complete. Road crews continue to gravel Xaiver Road, going west of Talmo Lane to the new structure and then south on 190 Road to Zion Cemetery.

- The asphalt crew assisted the city of Scandia with sealing this week. Sealing projects are completed for the year. Asphalt crew will continue to cold patch and hot patch potholes on county roads until the remaining mix and oil is used up.
- Haul Brothers mobilized to the north end of Narka (280 Road) Monday morning to start the 8 mile Hot Mix overlay. Tuesday morning they began the 1.5” overlay traveling south out of town for approximately .75 miles.

### **Transportation**

- A 2025/2026 KDOT Transportation Grant has been prepared and submitted.

### **Solid Waste**

- Cloud County has posted a solicitation for waste hauling services on their website and on the radio. Container trailers needed to be trucked to the Hamm Waste Services Landfill near Lawrence about 6 – 8 times a week. The current waste hauler’s contract ends this year.

### **PENDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

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

1. Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.
2. Zeal Road .25 miles east of 220 Road; Brush piled from right of way clearing several years ago needs to be removed or burned.
3. Valley Road .25 miles west of 150 Road; Bridge V-14.8 will be monitored weekly until the bridge can be replaced. *Awaiting bids*
4. 150 Road .4 miles 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.

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

1. 100 Road .28 miles 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.
2. 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.*
3. Penn Road east of Scandia on the south side; Trees/brush need to be removed from the right of way.
4. 30 Road improvements to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road. *4 miles have been completed.*

5. Cut and patch 4-6' of concrete at 170 Road near residence 1549 (*Primary Road; Currently 23x23 & 10x23" potholes where previous asphalt patch has failed*). A hot asphalt patch is being tested at this location.

## Upcoming Events

1. 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. Time to figure out why we have not heard more about this.*
2. 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.