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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Community Concerns

Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- Xavier Road .3 miles east of 190 road on the north side; a new driveway is requested *18"x40' CMP is needed, just west of a well pump.*
- 130 Road .13 miles north of Elm Road; Resident requesting silt to be cleaned out from under box culvert and channel straightened.
- Talmo Lane .3 miles south of K-148; A 30"x40' crossroad culvert has separated, and needs replaced.
- Union Road .75 miles east of 100 road; A 18"x36' crossroad culvert needs replaced. *Do to elevation change and scouring of the road the culvert will be replaced with a 18"x50' brokeback culvert.*
- Union Road .65 miles east of 100 road; A small, dilapidated wood box culvert needs replaced with 30"x40' crossroad culvert.
- 70 Road .5 miles South of US 36 Hwy on the east side; A 30'x18" culvert extension requested.
- 100 Road .25 miles north of Elm Road on the west side; A new install of 30'x18" CMP driveway culvert requested.

Other Concerns:

- Republic is requesting millings on Republic Lane though the west edge of the community in lieu of asphalt for Street Repairs.
- Young Road from 180 Road to Residence 1837 driveway (.25 mile); Gravel is requested. *Completed*
- 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*
- 2080 280 Road; a private driveway was damaged by Asphalt Trucks contracted to the County Project. We have notified the contractor, and they have agreed to fix.

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Performance Evaluations have been completed by supervisors and approved by the Highway Administrator. The evaluations will be given to the employees by the 25th of November.
- A final inspection was conducted on Bridge X-19.1, south of Talmo. It is open to traffic. Xavier Road west of the bridge and 190 south are only lightly sanded and need some improvements before it can handle heavy traffic. **Completed**
- Haul Brothers completed 6.8 miles of (280 Road) on the 8-mile Hot Mix Overlay procured by the County for approximately 1.1 Million Dollars. They plan to complete the remaining 1.2 miles early next spring.

Transportation

- A 2025/2026 KDOT Transportation Grant has been prepared and submitted.
- Public transportation plans to give rides again this year to the Rocky Pond Christmas lights Starting on December 4th and continuing the 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, and the 19th

Solid Waste

- Cloud County is soliciting bids for waste hauling services on their website and on the radio. Container trailers owned by the County need 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. **Cloud county received no bids. A draft is being prepared by Highway Administrator Ken Robbins for Republic County to possibly take over these services.**

PENDING ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO COMMUNITY CONCERNS

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

1. Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed. This is currently being investigated by the Soil Conservation District and KDOT for private property improvements and KS148 ROW improvements which may solve
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.
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. **80% Completed**

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.