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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Community Concerns

Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- 40 Road .25 miles north of Highway 36 on the west side; The property owner requested field access driveway be moved. Existing culvert is in good condition and can be relocated 30' south for new residence. **Completed**
- 70 Road .75 miles south of Ash Road on the east side; new 18"x 40' driveway requested by owner.
- 80 Road .5 miles south of Birch Road on the east side; Driveway culvert is crushed. Owner requesting new 18"x 40' .25 miles south of current location. **Completed**
- 130 Road .13 miles north of Elm Road; Resident requesting silt to be cleaned out from under box culvert and channel straightened.
- 20 Road .4 miles north of Valley Road; Report of possible culvert damage from implement driving off the west side. *After investigating, it was determined that the culvert can be straightened. Object markers were also placed at both ends of the culvert.*

Other Concerns:

- 120 Road south of K-148 approaching the intersection of Xavier Road and east to 110; trees and brush need cleared from the right-of-way on both sides of the road. **Completed**
- 30 Road .25 miles north of Oak Road; Report of guardrail damaged in vehicle accident. *(Investigating) Awaiting prices from vendor for guardrail replacement.*
- 110 Road .10 miles south of Highway 36; Inspection requested of box culvert for house move. *Inspection was completed and the Bridge Supervisor determined that the box culvert was safe to travel across.*
- Southbound 170 Road traffic cannot safely enter the Fir Road intersection due to limited site distances. Brush needs removed and backslope need to be re-graded. **Completed**

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Spoils were transported from the construction site of a new bridge on Xavier, south of Talmo to Young Road south of the Salt Marsh. Young Road at a culvert crossing from the Marsh is being lifted about 2 ft for a 1/10 of a mile. These improvements will allow the road to continue to be used in higher water conditions.
- Software training at the Road & Bridge Office last week was attended by the Road Supervisors, Shop Foremen and Administrative Staff. OpenGov has been developing a GIS based asset management system for Republic County this year and we are testing and learning the application now. The improvements will allow more effective pavement management and tasking of responses to community requests for services.

Transportation

- A 2025/2026 KDOT Transportation Grant is being prepared for submission by the 20th of November.

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 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.

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

1. 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.
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 4-6ft 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.*
6. Northbound 170 Road traffic cannot safely enter the Fir Road intersection due to limited site distances. Brush removal and mowing help a little but not a lot. Backslope may need to be re-graded *Completed*

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.