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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Community Concerns

Culvert Installation/Replacement Requests:

- 70 Road .75 miles south of Ash Road on the east side; New 18"x 40' driveway requested by owner. *Completed*
- 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 cross road culvert 30"x40' at this location needs to be replaced.*

Other Concerns:

- 30 Road .25 miles north of Oak Road; Report of guardrail damaged in vehicle accident. *(Investigating) Awaiting prices from vendor for guardrail replacement.*
- 90 Road .25 miles south of US-36; Resident requesting a pot hole be filled where the city of Scandia dug up the water main. *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*

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Road supervisors met with King Construction and KDOT officials at the new bridge on Xavier, south of Talmo for a final punch list. After the inspection was completed, it was determined all that remained was to seed the entire project and remove all the permanent closure signs. The contractor stated that this will be completed on Monday, Oct. 28th and the bridge will be re-opened to the public.

- The county appreciation meal was on Wednesday, Oct. 24th. Road and Bridge employees gathered at the Krazy Kraken for a catered meal provided by the County commissioners. The commissioners also recognized six Highway Dept. employees for their years of service.
- The asphalt crew assisted the city of Scandia with patching this week and will begin sealing within the city next week.
- The new diagnostic scan system that the Highway dept. purchased for the shop has proven itself by saving the department from outsourcing some large equipment repairs to other vendors.

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 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.*

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.