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2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Salt prices have stabilized and we are grateful for that occurring! We utilize salt only in situations where salt use is warranted and the amount of salt that we use is kept to the minimum for safe passage of our roads. Our goal is to make roads safe for the motoring public even if they are not clear of snow and ice. Good people make good things happen. Our work force is committed to making our highway system as safe as possible and I thank them for that! We urge you to slow down and operate your vehicle carefully!

SOURCES OF REVENUE – 2016

License Fees	\$ 2,116,674
Permissive License Fee	179,556
Gasoline Tax	2,338,616
Fines (Municipal Court)	91,327
Reimbursements	429,083
Interest	12,412
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,167,668

- License fees are based on the number of vehicles registered in the County. (The fee for a passenger car is \$20, fees for trucks are higher.)
- The County also collects a \$5 permissive license fee for vehicles registered in unincorporated areas.
- \$.03/gallon of the Ohio Gasoline Tax is evenly distributed among all 88 Ohio Counties.

- A portion of traffic fines collected in Findlay and Fostoria Municipal Courts.
- The County is reimbursed for materials and services provided to other agencies.

EXPENSES - 2016

Employee Salaries	\$ 1,418,985
Fringe Benefits	579,241
Office & Grounds	149,629
Debt Service	244,000
Contracts:	
Pavement Striping	55,620
Bridge Contracts	166,138
Paving Contracts	763,596
Consultants	123,792
Road Materials	312,168
Road Salt	72,955
Bridge Materials	23,536
Culvert Materials	40,344
Sign Materials	36,071
Fuel	286,550
Equip. Maintenance	146,516
New Equipment	73,504
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,492,645

RESPONSIBILITIES

363 Miles of Highway
 1800 Acres of Right of Way

375 Bridges – The County Engineer is responsible for all bridges in the County except those on the State Highway system. Spans range from 10’ to 280’. 25 structures are over 100’ in length.

245 Culverts – 36” to 120” diameter

740 Culverts – 8” to 33” diameter

113 Permanent Maintenance ditches

186 miles of open channels

11 miles of subsurface tile

11,000+ Traffic signs on County and Township roads and Village streets. Townships and Villages contract with the Engineer for maintenance of signs on their systems.

STATUS OF ROADS

The table below identifies the rating of County and Township road systems as of December 2016:

	Miles of Highway	
	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP
Excellent	107	212
Good	91	269
Fair	121	107
Poor	43	30

The following table identifies the miles of resurfacing performed on each system during the past 5 years. The continuing commitment of the Township Trustees is obvious:

	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP
2016	20.4	20.8
2015	14.8	20.2
2014	14.9	18.4
2013	11.2	15.8
2012	17.9	10.1

2016 ROAD WORK

The following roads were resurfaced under contract with the Shelly Company for a total cost of \$361,342.70. A grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission paid for \$180,671.35:

CR26 – Wyandot County Line to CR193

CR60 – CR37 to CR313

CR153 – CR17 to SR37

The following roads were resurfaced under contract with Bluffton Asphalt for a total cost of \$332,827.16

CR 96 – CR 53 to SR 235

CR 17– TR 147 to TR 150

STATUS OF BRIDGES

Every bridge in Hancock County is inspected at least once a year and a report of each bridge’s condition is submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration. Listed below is a summary of the condition of bridges in the County:

Excellent	124	Poor	4
Good	207	Closed	0
Fair	40		

4 bridges have reached a condition where they should be replaced as soon as funding allows. 32 bridges are posted for reduced weight limits, less than a 40 ton load.

2016 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Bridge 112-00.87 (TR 112 over R.B. Worden Ditch) was replaced with a new bridge 35 feet in length. Bridge TR148-00.13 (TR 148 over Beech Joint County Ditch) was replaced with a new box culvert 16’x6’x30’ in length. Bridge TR177-01.51 (TR 177 over Lydia King Ditch) was replaced with new box culvert 16’x6’x30’ in length.

MISCELLANEOUS

The equipment purchases in 2016 were a used 2007 Bucket Truck for \$46,073.50. The bucket truck is used to trim trees along right of way. Keeping the right of way clear helps get the roads sunshine which assists in drying them out after rain or snow events. We also purchased a

used 2008 forklift for \$17,900.00. The forklift is used for a variety of tasks here at the garage.

FINAL COMMENTS

Our work force makes a huge difference to the public that we serve and for that, I thank them. Many nights when our workforce is out plowing snow, most of the public is still sleeping. It may be fewer in numbers than it was before, but our work force is stepping up and keeping things moving forward! I would like to thank the City of Findlay for a great working relationship. I know that they have been there for us in times of need, and for that I am thankful.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you! And once again please drive carefully!