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2017 ANNUAL REPORT

The bitter cold temperatures to end 2017 and begin 2018 are proving to be a force to be reckoned with. Not only are the temperatures hard on our equipment, they are hard on employees as well. The low temperatures reduce the melting effects of salt too. 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. 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 – 2017

License Fees	\$ 2,106,581
Permissive License Fee	181,165
Gasoline Tax	2,389,284
Fines	97,137
Reimbursements	587,627
Interest	27,986

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 5,389,280

- 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 - 2017

Employee Salaries	\$ 1,369,542
Fringe Benefits	526,951
Office & Grounds	156,822
Debt Service	508,964
Contracts:	
Pavement Striping	57,412
Bridge Contracts	131,679
Paving Contracts	964,836
Consultants	28,910
Road Materials	287,095
Road Salt	124,383
Bridge Materials	16,256
Culvert Materials	38,482
Sign Materials	34,670
Fuel	303,629
Equip. Maint. & Rental	195,763
New Equipment	191,864
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,937,258

RESPONSIBILITIES

352 Miles of Highway

1800 Acres of Right of Way

374 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 2017:

	Miles of Highway	
	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP
Excellent	43	240
Good	106	259
Fair	118	152
Poor	93	26

The following table identifies the miles of resurfacing performed on each system during the past 5 years.

	COUNTY	TOWNSHIP
2017	23.17	19.43
2016	20.4	20.8
2015	14.8	20.2
2014	14.9	18.4
2013	11.2	15.8

2017 ROAD WORK

The following roads were resurfaced under contract with M&B Asphalt Company for a total cost of \$484,890.70. A grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission paid for \$242,445.35:

CR140 – SR12 to CR99

CR264 – CR3 to TR206

The following roads were resurfaced under contract with M&B Asphalt Company for a total cost of \$883,639.12

CR140 – CR99 to SR613

CR53 – CSX RR to CR203

CR139 – SR613 to Wood Co. Line

CR264 – TR205 to CR7

CR26 – TR190 to CR193

CR24 – CR182 to CR8

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	127	Poor	3
Good	206	Closed	0
Fair	38		

3 bridges have reached a condition where they should be replaced as soon as funding allows. 12 bridges are posted for reduced weight limits, less than a 40 ton load.

2017 BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

Bridge 26-18.59 (CR 26 over Buck Run) was replaced with a new 16’x8’ Box Culvert 36 feet in length. Bridge 127-1.24 (TR 127 over JB Schoonover Ditch) was replaced with a new box culvert 16’x7’ 30’ in length. Bridge M502-0.01 (Osborn Avenue over the Blanchard River) was replaced with a new bridge 252 feet in length.

MISCELLANEOUS

The equipment purchases in 2017 were a 2018 Jeep Cherokee for \$23,300 that replaced a 2006 Ford Explorer with 101,452 miles. We also purchased a 2018 International dump truck cab and chassis for \$97,224. Kalida Truck outfitted the dump truck with plow parts, etc. for \$71,000.

FINAL COMMENTS

I want to thank our workforce. They spend a lot of time here instead of with friends and family. That is a huge sacrifice and I am grateful to them for that. Many nights when our workforce is out plowing snow, most of the public is still sleeping. Our workforce is stepping up and keeping things moving forward!

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