Starke County Highway Department Monthly Report January 2016

SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

The relatively good weather continued in December. There was almost no measurable snowfall. Our only two events were caused by one day of freezing rain and the corresponding cleanup day. Next Friday we plan on using brine for the first time on our County roads.

2015-6 WINTER PLOWING

MONTH	WINTER EVENTS	SNOWFALL IN INCHES	PLOW HOURS	PLOW HOURS PER DRIVER	MILES CLEARED	MILES CLEARED PER HOUR PER	SALT USED	SAND USED
						DRIVER	- VI	
NOVEMBER	3	9.13	311.5	22.9	5978	19.19	128	864
DECEMBER	2	0	324.5	20.28	5079	15.65	45	584
JANUARY								
FEBRUARY								
MARCH								
TOTALS	5	9.13	636	43.18	11057	19.19	173	1448
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MONTH	WINTER EVENTS	SNOWFALL IN INCHES	PLOW HOURS	PLOW HOURS PER DRIVER	MILES CLEARED	MILES CLEARED PER HOUR PER DRIVER	SALT USED	SAND USED
NOVEMBER	1	0.1	12	3	287.7	23.98	20	80
DECEMBER	1	0.2	120	8	3181.6	26.51	30	120
JANUARY	12	8.25	1515	91.2	28154.4	18.58	576	2352
FEBRUARY	18	36.4	2745.5	158.1	48730	17.75	683	3404
MARCH	5	7.93	712.8	42	12517	17.56	21	1664
TOTALS	37	52.88	5105.3	302.3	92870.7	18.19	1330	7620

2013-14 WINTER PLOWING

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NOVEMBER	4	8.9	360.45	22.5	7328	20.32	150	655
DECEMBER	9	9.9	954.56	59.66	18243	19.31	275	1112
JANUARY	30	46.6	2923.17	182.7	54985	18.81	917	4632
FEBRUARY	13	19.7	2373.75	148.31	43321	18.25	486	2876
MARCH	11	6.85	1510.39	100.9	27450	18.17	176	987
TOTALS	67	91.95	8122.32	514.07	151327	18.63	2004	10262

FUEL

The new fuel system should help us better track the County fuel usage. The higher diesel usage in the last two years reflects the heavier winters and the increased number of road improvement miles completed by the highway Department. We were simply doing more work than in the past.

We are going to continue to request fuel bids for each tankful instead of locking down a price for the year with one company. By bidding each fuel purchase we saved approximately 50% on our overall fuel cost for 2016.

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FUEL USAGE BY MONTH	2012	<u>2013</u>	2014	2015	AVG		2012	2013	2014	2015	AVG
JANUARY	9564	7524	14952	12915	11239		2638	2654	2327	2463	2521
FEBRUARY	7547	6664	11384	14115	9928	1	2472	2276	2338	2656	2436
MARCH	4634	6771	10785	9463	7913		2609	2600	2458	2016	2421
APRIL	3659	4154	6940	5738	5123		2730	2411	2561	2433	2534
MAY	3989	5306	5152	5552	5000		2581	2528	2843	2590	2636
JUNE	4050	4972	6775	7500	5824		2313	2427	2828	2201	2442
JULY	4562	6679	6298	6270	5952		2417	2670	2745	2811	2661
AUGUST	5811	6841	6162	8117	6733		2465	2619	2807	2722	2653
SEPTEMBER	5034	7171	6746	6798	6437		2364	2488	2986	2730	2642
OCTOBER	4773	4944	6800	5025	5386		2456	2139	2252	2542	2347
NOVEMBER	3646	2545	8644	7224	5515		2497	2069	2215	2696	2369
DECEMBER	<u>4903</u>	<u>9867</u>	8077	<u>7156</u>	<u>7501</u>		2226	<u>2320</u>	2197	2252	2249
	62172	73438	98715	95873	82550		29768	29201	30557	30112	29910

ANNUAL FUEL USAGE BY DEPARTMENT	2012	2013	2014	2015	AVG		2012	2013	<u>2014</u>	2015	AVG
HIGHWAY	53122	65057	89631	88478	74072		4517	5440	8703	7642	6576
SHERIFF	24	0	25	0	12		20898	19364	16976	17886	18781
EMS	9026	8341	9058	7306	8433		602	687	639	740	667
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	0	0	1	0	0		1520	1432	1725	1730	1602
SURVEYOR	0	0	0	0	0		648	593	679	496	604
EMA	0	40	0	0	10	П	431	545	599	499	519
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PLANNING	0	0 .	0	0	0		909	719	684	751	766
Carl/Jim	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>		33	37	54	57	45
	62172	73438	98715	95784	82527		29768	29201	30557	30113	29910

ASSET MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

As you may know, over the last two and a half years we have put in place an Asset Management plan that includes long term planning and policies for our County roads, bridges, and culverts; and our Department's personnel, equipment and facilities. Below is a brief outline of the progress for each phase of our asset management plan. We will be providing a draft report next month that goes into much more detail than the summary below. We are still accumulating data from the end of 2015 for that report from. We will be presenting that in conjunction with a draft of our Department Operations Manual next month for approval by the Board. Local governments across the County have benefitted from such a plan in terms of overall operating costs, insurance liability, and many other aspects which we will detail in the report.

The overall goal of our Department is to provide the public with a safe and reliable transportation infrastructure without overburdening the taxpayer. In 2015 we reduced our Department budget while improving and adding to the services we provide. In 2016 we have reduced our overall budget by over \$200,000 yet plan to provide additional services with an improvement in quality.

ROADS

- 1) We have increased the number of roads we have improved each of the last three years.
- 2) We have reduced the overall cost of our existing road improvement methods such as asphalt paving and chip seal
- 3) We have reduced our dust control costs by over \$20,000 a year by doing the work ourselves and not using an outside contractor
- 4) We have reduced the accidents on our County by instituting a sign/road safety program that has decrease3d the number of accidents on County roads by over 50% over the last three years
- 5) We have completed our first ever comprehensive road inventory survey which includes a repair history and a prosped improvement schedule for each roadway in the County (see chart)

BRIDGES AND CULVERTS

- 1) We have a long term bridge replacement program in place that will reduce our number of deficient bridges from 22 in 2011 to zero in 2020.
- 2) We have completed a first ever inventory of the County's over 600 roadway culverts and pipes.
- 3) Wer have instituted a three phase maintenance plan for our County's 58 bridges that includes 1) Routine preventive maintenance, 2) a bridge rehabilitation and repair plan 3) and the aforementioned bridge replacement program
- 4) By using more local funds and avoiding the requirements of using state and federal funds on small bridges we have reduced our overall replacement costs by over 200%. (Bridge 154)

FACILITIES



- 1) The rear bay door has been replaced.
- 2) The new fuel pumps and card system have been installed(see pic) The new fuel cards have been issued to each Department and oversight is being provided by the auditor's office.
- 3) The front gate has been repaired. The new card reader system is in place a ready to go. We are waiting for the installer to train us on the new software. Once that is complete we will issue the new gate entry key fobs to each Department and ititiate the system. The Auditor will provide oversight of these as well.
- 4) We will be cleaning and painting the vehicle repair bay walls and ceiling in the next month. This has not been done since the building was built in 197

EQUIPMENT

Qur long term equipment acquisition and replacement plan will be included in next month's report

PERSONNEL

- 1) Training
- 2) Evaluations
- 3) Safety

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