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Weekly Report to Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Consulting Engineers and the Kansas Department of Transportation will be load-testing four bridges in Republic County beginning June 8, for 3-5 days. Three of these structures are near Republic: Under 30 Road .18 miles south of Granite Road, under Fir Road, .63 miles east of 60 Road, and under 60 Road .41 mile south of Diamond Rd.
    - There will be closures and detours on 60 and 30 Roads at times between Monday afternoon and Wednesday.
    - Traffic Control will be provided on Fir Road in lieu of a closure, however travelers should expect some delays.
    - Lincoln Road between 290 and 300 will be closed for several days.

  This project hopes to collect data to improve computer modeling of these structures and improve posted load limits to something more reasonable for agricultural use.
- Draft Budgets for 2027 have been prepared for Roads & Bridges, Solid Waste, Transportation and Weed Departments. Proposed increases vary from the high of 4% for the Weed Department to a 2.3% overall increase for the Roads & Bridges Department.
- The Grant application for an overlay project on 220 Road between Munden and US-36 has been denied for the second year. We will apply again next year. This is a very worthwhile project, and we appreciate the letters of support we have received for this project. We believe our persistence increases the likelihood of this project being approved next year.
- The Grant application for the replacement of a bridge on Queen Road 1.1 miles east of 30 Road in Courtland has been denied. We have a bridge already funded for replacement on Nickel Road west of 190 Road. Construction on that project will begin after harvesting this year. Having an uncompleted project fully funded probably reduced the likelihood of another bridge replacement project being funded for this year. Instead of waiting for another grant funding cycle, we are considering replacing the bridge ourselves with contactor assistance.
- Rains during the last week are delaying some earthwork projects
- The Department welcomes Justin Murdock on Monday the 8th as an Operator III.

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
132	170 Road .0-.8 mile south of US-36; road & drainage improvements are needed.	Investigating solutions and impacts on adjacent properties	Open
45	Norway Lane; drainage improvements are needed.	KDOT is preparing a scope of work to improve KS-148 that passes through the community of Norway. This should significantly Improve drainage in the area.	Open
Construction			
119	130 RD .55 West of Zeal RD South side; Trees/Brush need removed;	Completed	Closed
136	Queen Road .75 mile east of 30 Road on the north side; the Ditch needs cleaned of Brush and trees for .25 mile to 40 Road.		Open
137	150 Road .17 mile north of US-36, on the west side of the road; a driveway needs improved.	Extend culvert 10ft on the south side, regrade to remove eyebrow at the entrance.	Open
138	Fir Road .67 mile east of 220 Road; a culvert under the road needs replaced.	A 36"x40' CMP needs replaced	Open
139	180 Road and Marble Road intersection; a sight obstruction was reported on the NW corner of the intersection.	Investigating	Open
148	Birch Road.25 miles east of 110 Road on the north side; Landowner requesting plugged culvert be replaced.	New 18"x30' CMP needed	Open
153	Elm Road .51 miles east of 230 Road; A crossroad culvert needs replaced.	Utilities located	Open
155	King Road .25 miles east of 190 Road on the north side; Culvert is plugged with corn stalks.	Investigating	Open
156	Shady Road .25 miles west of 290 Road on the south side; Landowner requesting trees and brush be removed for new fence installation.	Landowner requested the county wait until mid-July to perform the work.	Open
157	Cedar Road .29 miles west of 240 Road; Crossroad culvert needs replaced.	Replace with 48"x40' CMP; utilities located	Open
158	Elm Road .41 miles east of 190 Road on the southside; Landowner requesting a new driveway.	New 40' Dry plug needs installed on the south side.	Open
52	70 Road between US36 and Queen Road; Drainage improvements are needed on both sides of the Road	60% Completed overall. Drainage improvements will continue after harvest.	Open
Maintenance			
146	160 Road .75 miles north of Diamond Road on the west side; Ditch needs cleaned.	Landowner requesting the ditch be cleaned for .25 miles to install new fence, also place Rip-Rap around the Box Culvert to prevent scouring.	Open
154	Lincoln Road .4 miles east of 170 Road on the north side; Landowner is requesting ditch be cleaned.	(Investigating) Landowner states excess dirt or silt can be wasted in his field if it can be completed before he plants.	Open
50	30 Road improvements are needed to restore the crown in the roadway between Highway 36 and Fir Road.	4 miles have been completed.	Open
53	60 Road between Elm and Ash Roads needs the shoulders pulled and fortified with rock and econo-base then finished with gravel.		Open

Upcoming Events

1. Annual Report on High Banks Wind Energy/NextEra Agreement compliance issues.
2. Right-of-Way vacations for a portion of Seapo Trail in Section 21 of Grant Township and for the SW corner of Section 35 in Liberty Township (old Marble/US81 intersection ROW) are being prepared for Commission consideration.