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## Did you know the Fairfield County Engineer's Office:

- Is responsible for over 361 miles of road
- Is responsible for approximately 345 bridges located on county, township, and city roadways
- Assists Township Trustees with local needs
- Assigns house numbers
- Issues permits for anyone working in the right-of-way or hauling oversized/ overweight equipment
- Reviews surveys and approves lot splits
- Reviews subdivision plans

# THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE ANNUAL REPORT

## 2023 Annual Report

Whenever possible, the Fairfield County Engineer's Office applies for grant money to assist in repairing the roads and bridges in our County. In 2023, we were able to replace three bridges thanks to an OPWC grant. Bridges were replaced on Sixteenth Road, Coonpath Road, and Canal Road. Construction costs for these bridges totaled \$1,021,986 with \$592,217 being funded through the Ohio Public Works Commission.

Once again this year, the Fairfield County Engineer's Office teamed up with another local entity in order to improve our roadways for the traveling public. The Board of Clearcreek Township Trustees received an OPWC grant for roadway improvements on Dozer Road. The County Engineer's Office was instrumental in overseeing this project throughout all of the planning and construction stages.

As we end 2023, our office is gearing up for the year 2024. In 2024, we have a major construction project planned for Refugee Road in Violet Township, with over \$3 million in grant funding to assist us! Obtaining these extra state and federal grants when they are available give us the ability to apply funds to more projects throughout the year. It is our mission to continue applying for grant money as it becomes available so that we can keep our roadways safe for the traveling public.

## **COUNTY FORCES CHIP & SEAL**

County Forces seal coated approximately 32 miles along the following county roads for an approximate cost of \$719,437.

RD#	RD NAME	BEGIN	END	MILES
19	Richland Road	SR188	Elder Road	2.869
19	Elder Road	Richland Road	Richland Road	0.499
19	Richland Road	Elder Road	Coonpath Road	2.370
33	Old Rushville Road	SR664	County Line Road	1.936
49	Marietta Road	SR664	County Line	3.222
51	Schwilk Road	Duffy Road	SR37	1.031
51	Duffy Road	Schwilk Road	Lake Road	1.388
66	West Rushville Road	SR37	West Rushville SCL	3.071
70	Jerusalem Road	Marietta Road	SR37	2.697
72	County Line Road	SR37	County Line	1.989
76	Tschopp Road	Coonpath Road	SR37	2.635
88	Pleasant View Road	SR664	Mt. Zwingli Road	0.847
88	Mt. Zwingli Road	Pleasantview Road	Bremen Road	2.252
13	Basil-Western Road	Carroll Northern Road	Baltimore Corp	4.255
64	Fairfield Union Road	US22	Coonpath Road	0.977

## 2023 Road & Bridge Projects

Our Clearcreek 12 Bridge on Sixteenth Road (pictured right) was replaced by Dreams Excavating & Paving of Thornville, Ohio, for a construction cost of \$142,807. Designed by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, this steel beam bridge was replaced with a storm sewer system.





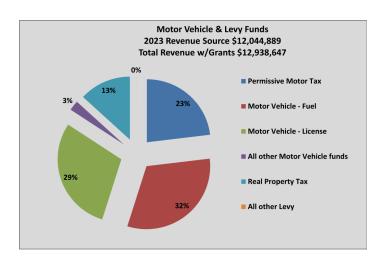
A federal grant was awarded to our office to assist with replacing the HOC-08 superstructure (pictured left). In conjunction with our force account efforts, US Bridge replaced the superstructure for \$164,108.

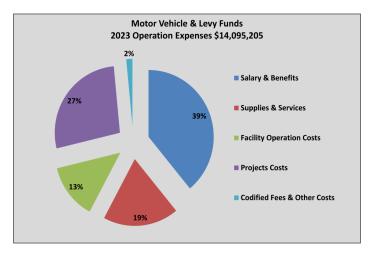
## **2023 MICROSURFACING**

Strawser Construction of Columbus, Ohio, received the 2023 Microsurfacing contract for a total construction cost of \$349,538. Microsurfacing took place on sections of Basil-Western Road, Old Columbus Street, Airport Road, and Fairfield Union Road. Microsurfacing is a protective seal coat to extend life of pavement.

## **2023 RESURFACING**

Kokosing Construction Company of Westerville, Ohio, received the 2023 Resurfacing contract for a total construction cost of \$1,546,453. Resurfacing took place on sections of the following roadways: Amanda Northern Road, Coonpath Road, North Columbus Street, Election House Road, and Collins Road.





## 2023 Road & Bridge Projects

Designed by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, J&J Bridge Company of New Concord, Ohio, replaced our **Greenfield 13 Bridge** on Coonpath Road (pictured right). This culvert was replaced with a 14' x 7' x 50' concrete box for a construction cost of \$347,997. An OPWC grant helped fund this project.





The **Walnut 31 Bridge** on Canal Road (pictured left) was designed by Fishbeck. This bridge was replaced with a single span reinforced concrete slab. BUD's, Inc. of Nashport, Ohio, replaced this bridge for a total construction cost of \$531,182. An OPWC grant helped fund this project.

## **CULVERT PROJECTS**

Thirty-seven culvert projects were constructed by county forces this year totaling approximately \$465,931. Construction took place on the following roadways:

Amanda-Northern Road Basil-Western Road Bauman Hill Road Blue Valley Road Carroll-Eastern Road Clearcreek Road Clearport Road Coonpath Road Crooks Road Election-House Road Fairfield Union Road Fosnaugh School Road Jerusalem Road Mt. Zwingli Road Marietta Road Pleasantville Road Refugee Road Sugar Grove Road Winchester Road West Rushville Road

## ICE AND SNOW CONTROL

Over \$288,145 was spent on salt, grits, and brine for the 2022-2023 winter season. Road crews purchased approximately 4056 tons of salt, 500 tons of grits and 6900 gallons of brine to keep the county road system open. Such treatment is applied at intersections, hills, and curves as first priority. Depending on weather conditions and effectiveness, brine is also used on our arterial routes and some collector routes.

## The Fairfield County Engineer's Office Staff "Working Together for Tomorrow"

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#### **Road Crew**

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Kevin Rinehart Gene Schultz Brian Thaxton Dylan Thaxton Roger Tipton Robert Tooill Nicholas Townsend Jonathon VanAtta Robert Walters John Webb Chris Westfall **Brandon Williams** Mark Williams

#### **CONGRATULATIONS** TO OUR RETIREES

Tim Ebert—31 years Gary Haney—32 years



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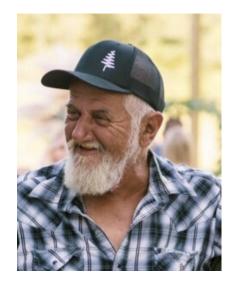
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In 2023, we mourned the loss of one of our employees, Bob Notestone. Bob started with the Fairfield County Engineer's Office During his time with us, he in 2011. performed a lot of different duties as a Road Worker, from running the asphalt distributor on our chip seal crew, to flagging traffic and performing general labor on many projects. He spent endless hours plowing snow to make sure the roads were passable for the traveling public. Bob was always one of the first ones to show up for work each day and was willing to do whatever was asked of him. Bob will always be remembered for his infectious laughter and one-line jokes. We truly miss our dear friend and coworker.



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