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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

2025 Annual Report

2025 was another productive year for the Fairfield County Engineer's Office. County forces replaced 16 culverts totaling \$1,218,955 and chip sealed approximately 33 miles of roadway for \$722,555. Our harsh 2024-2025 winter season accounted for 2791 hours of overtime for our county roadworkers.

The Federal Department of Transportation required all NBIS bridges (bridges over 20') to have a new load rating by 2025. The County has 345 bridges, of which, 219 are NBIS bridges. 91 of these bridges needed load rated in 2025. The County received a \$70,000 grant to complete the \$115,000 project utilizing three consulting firms. All 219 county NBIS bridges have been load rated in the past three years, with the 2025 load ratings resulting in 18 bridges being posted for weight restrictions. In addition to these load ratings, bridge inspections were conducted on 246 of our 345 bridges this year.

Three bridges this year were replaced using grant money. An Ohio Public Works Grant was received to replace a bridge on Old Millersport Road and another on Old Mill Road. Construction for these bridges totaled \$689,760 with the Ohio Public Works Grant paying \$487,661 of that amount. Another bridge on Pickerington Road was replaced for \$468,398. A federal grant fully funded our Pickerington Road bridge replacement.

Sign upgrades to meet the retro-reflectivity requirements were replaced on approximately 29 miles of county roadways at a cost of \$30,563. \$23,130 in federal dollars helped to fund this project.

Whenever possible, the Fairfield County Engineer's Office applies for grant money to assist in repairing and maintaining roads and bridges in our County. 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 replaced a culvert on Carroll-Eastern Road with a reinforced concrete box, widened shoulders, and replaced guardrail (pictured above).

2025 Road & Bridge Projects

2025 PAVEMENT MARKINGS

Oglesby Construction was awarded the 2025 Pavement Markings contract. 74.96 centerline miles and 14.412 miles of edge line were painted for \$75,650.

2026 CRACK SEALING

Russell Standard Corporation of Valencia, Pennsylvania, completed 12.73 miles of crack sealing at an approximate cost of \$68,667 on the following roads: Clearport Road, Lithopolis Road, Julian Road, Drinkle Road, Boving Road, Horns Mill Road, and Coonpath Road.

2025 RESURFACING

Kokosing Construction of Westerville, Ohio, received the 2025 Resurfacing contract for a total construction cost of \$1,048,545. Resurfacing took place on sections of the following roadways: Old Columbus Road (CR37), Airport Road (CR87), Carroll Eastern Road (CR21), Carroll Northern Road (CR36), and Hamburg Road (CR55).

2025 MICROSURFACING

Pavement Maintenance Systems LLC of Imlay City, Michigan, received the 2025 Microsurfacing contract for a total construction cost of \$282,124.67. Microsurfacing took place on sections of Basil-Western Road (CR13), Election House Road (CR40), and Hamburg Road (CR55). Microsurfacing is a protective seal coat to extend life of pavement.

CULVERT PROJECTS

Sixteen culvert projects were constructed by county forces this year totaling approximately \$1,218,955. Construction took place on the following roadways: Clearcreek Road, Clearport Road, Carroll-Eastern Road, Julian Road, Lithopolis-Winchester Road, Ridge Road, Old Millersport Road, Stringtown Road, Tent Church Road, and Westfall Road. Four of these culvert replacements were joint force account projects with townships.

COUNTY FORCES CHIP & SEAL

County Forces seal coated approximately 33 miles along the following county roads for an approximate cost of \$722,555.

RD #	RD NAME	BEGIN	END	MILES
2	Winchester-Southern	Murlette Road	Stoutsville Pke	1.620
4	Fosnaugh School Rd	Stoutsville Corp	Ridge Road	3.557
8	Justus Road	Oakland Stoutsville Rd	Wyandotte Road	1.533
8	Wyandotte Road	Justus Road	Sixteenth Road	0.536
14	Bowers Road	Amanda-Southern Rd	SR 159	0.464
14	Amanda-Southern Rd	Bowers Road	Amanda Corp.	2.505
21	Carroll-Eastern Road	Carroll Corp	Sheets Road	4.026
24	Clearport Road	County Line	Amanda-Clearport Road	4.080
26	Snortin Ridge Rd.	County Line	Clearcreek Road	2.980
61	Christmas Rock Road	Pavement Change SCI	Hamburg Road	1.720
69	Clearcreek Road	Clearport Road	County Line	4.661
71	Drinkle Road	Republic Services	Clearport Road	1.397
78	Julian Road	Drinkle Road	Julian Twp. Road	0.684
78	Landis Road	Julian Road	Amanda-Clearport Road	2.009
91	Heigle Road	SR 159	Julian Road	1.624

ICE AND SNOW CONTROL

Approximately \$242,705 was spent on salt and grits for the 2024-2025 winter season. Road crews purchased approximately 3260 tons of salt and 749 tons of grits to keep the county road system open. Such treatment is applied at intersections, hills, and curves as first priority.



In conjunction with US Bridge, County Forces replaced our **Greenfield 22 Bridge** on Camp Ground Road. (pictured above).

2025 Road & Bridge Projects



The **Pleasant 32 Bridge** on Old Millersport Road (*pictured left*) was designed by Michael Baker International. This bridge was replaced with a precast concrete box culvert. BUD's, Inc. of Nashport, Ohio, replaced this bridge for a total construction cost of \$359,314. An OPWC grant helped fund this project.

Designed by Michael Baker International, BUD's, Inc. of Nashport, Ohio, replaced our **Pleasant 33 Bridge** on Old Mill Road (*pictured right*). This bridge was replaced with a 16' x 7' precast reinforced concrete box culvert for a cost of \$330,446. An OPWC grant helped fund this project.



Our **Bloom 36 Bridge** on Pickerington Road (*pictured left*) was replaced by J&J Bridge Co., Inc. of New Concord, Ohio, for a construction cost of \$468,398. Designed by American Structurepoint, this steel beam bridge was replaced with a reinforced concrete box culvert. This project was funded through a federal grant.

Slow Down in Construction Zones!

Drivers should use extra caution when traveling through construction zones. Trucks, heavy machinery and highway workers are all potential hazards that could stray into your path. Accidents can be avoided by following these important safety tips:

- Slow down when approaching the zone
- Obey flaggers, posted construction speed limits, and traffic control signs
- Stay in your own lane
- Follow markers such as orange barrels and safety cones
- Maintain slow speed and predictable actions throughout the zone
- Watch for our workers
- Be prepared to stop—not accelerate!
- Avoid distractions
- No parking or unnecessary stops
- Please be patient with traffic delays



We need your help to keep our construction zones safe. A safer construction zone allows us to work quicker so we can get the traffic flow back to normal for the motoring public!

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It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of a beloved member of the Engineers' Office family, Brent Emmert. Brent started his employment with our office in 2012 and brought with him a vast knowledge of construction. He was a hard worker and perfectionist who would do what was needed to get a job done quickly and correctly. Above all, Brent was a family man, and most especially, he was a proud Grandfather. Brent's passing has left a large hole in our hearts.

