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Weekly Report to the Commissioners

Department Reports on Non-Routine Activities

Roads and Bridges

- Republic County is assisting in the evaluation of professional services proposals submitted to the North Central Regional Planning Commission. The Commission advertised earlier this year for a consultant to lead the development of a "Safe Streets for All Action Plan".
    - The project will produce a single action plan for the North Central Region of Kansas which includes Clay, Cloud, Lincoln, Marshall, Mitchell, Ottawa, Republic and Washington counties.
    - The project intends to identify road improvement projects that will improve the safety of rural transportation networks in this region. The Plan will include public outreach in each county.
    - The challenge will be to develop a process that is equitable to both urban and rural road systems. Grants will be applied for proposed road improvements, and they have a higher probability of being funded when there are statistics that justify the need. Those statistics are not readily available in more sparsely populated areas like Republic County even though our needs may be obvious to those who live here.
- The Highway Administrator and a Road Supervisor met with the KDOT Area Engineer on Wednesday the 9th to discuss drainage improvements for the community of Norway, a possible charter amendment to regulate large scale commercial traffic on county roads, and the possibility of receiving spur roads to Courtland and Cuba from US-36 for an estimated 1.2 million, which could be used to partially fund the construction of a new shop. KDOT is researching each of these concerns and we are looking forward to a follow-up meeting within a few weeks.
- The Roads and Bridges Department is evaluating Charter Amendment #2002-01 which prohibits commercial traffic on County Roads except those vehicles that have a point of origin or a point of destination within the County, that can be reached by no other route.
    - The concern is commercial traffic at maximum load limits and high enough frequency to damage a road beyond normal wear and tear; (beyond what taxpayers can afford to repair or maintain).
    - The Highway Administrator met with CVA Vice President of Operations, Wes O'Bannon on September 15th to review the County's concerns. The meeting went very well. CVA seems willing to establish communication protocols that would inform the county in advance of any heavy use of a haul route. They are also open to alternatives to avoid or reduce the amount of traffic on paved county roads, which are much more costly to repair. A follow-up meeting will be held soon.

Community Concerns

ID	Description	Notes/Progress/Resolution	Status
Administration			
132	170 Road from intersection to .8 miles south of US 36; road and 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. We met with KDOT and they are planning to improve drainage through thier right-of-way.	Open
Construction			
136	Queen Road .75 miles east of 30 Road on the north side; the ditch needs cleared of brush and trees for .25 mile to 40 Road.		Open
139	180 Road and Marble Road intersection; a sight obstruction was reported on the NW corner of the intersection.	Investigating	Open
159	230 Road .5 miles south of Queen Road; possible damaged crossroad culvert.	Investigating	Open
167	Timber Road between 140 Road and 160 Road; landowner requesting trees and brush be cleared from right of way.	Investigating	Open
169	Xavier Road .02 miles east of 70 Road crossroad culvert needs replaced and the road lifted.	Investigating	Open
170	60 Road .5 miles south of Timber Road bridge needs replaced going across Beaver Creek.	A replacment bridge is being designed for winter construction.	Open
171	100 Road and Penn Road landowner requesting trees and brush be cleared from the right of way.	Investigating	Open
172	Lincoln Road .8 miles east of 300 Road on the south side; trees and brush requested to be removed.	Investigating	Open
173	280 Road .5 miles south of Diamond Road on the west side; a request for trees and brush be removed.	Investigating	Open
174	110 Road .01 miles north of Nickel Road; a crossroad culvert is requested.	Clean out existing culvert.	Open
177	310 Road east side of Rock Road; landowner requesting crossroad culvert be extended.	Intersection is too narrow for semi to turn. Investigating	Open
178	290 Road west side of Queen Road; landowner requesting a culvert extension at the intersection.	Intersection is too narrow for semi to turn. Investigating	Open
179	310 Road .25 miles south of Rock Road on the west side; landowner requesting a culvert extension.	Investigating, (Landowner stated that the driveway is close to a gas line)	Open
180	Valley Road .04 miles west of 170 Road on both sides of the road trees/brush need removed.	Landowner requested trees be removed on both sides of Valley Road.	Open
184	130 Road .25 miles north of Granite Road; water is staying on the road.	Clean ditches re-shape the road to restore the crown.	Open
195	Fir Road .0-.5 miles East of 280 Road on the south side; Trees need trimmed back from over the road.	Tree Grinder will be used for side trimming to the fence line.	Open
196	Lincoln road .1 west of 130 road on the south side a Culvert needs installed for a field access.	Install a 18'X 40' CMP Culvert at the Intersection of 130 Rd and Lincoln Rd.	Open
198	Shady Road .1 mile east of 90 Road; Landowner requesting crossroad culverts be replaced.	(2) 30"x40' crossroad culverts are silted in and will have to be replaced.	Open
199	100 Road.5 Miles N of Fir Road trees need Removed on the west side.		Open

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201	110 Road .38 Mile South of Valley Road on the West side. Landowner is requesting a driveway culvert.	Install 18" x 30' CMP	Open
202	270 Road .5 miles south of Nickel Road on the west side; Landowner requesting a driveway culvert.	Install 18"x30' CMP on west side of the road.	Open
52	70 Road between US 36 and Queen Road; drainage improvements are needed on both sides of the road	60% completed.	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 riprap 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
160	20 Road .75 miles north of US 36 on the east side of the road; landowner requesting ditch be cleaned out.	Investigating	Open
183	Ash Road .2 miles west of 190 Road on the south side; landowner requesting ditch be cleaned out to stop water from crossing the road.	When the ditch dries, use either the scrapper or an excavator to clean the material out and use it to build the road up. May have to install larger diameter culvert at the intersection.	Open
50	30 Road improvements are needed to restore the crown in the roadway between US 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.	2 miles completed	Open

Upcoming Events

1. 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.