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## TRANSPORTATION IS KEY: AN UPDATE FROM THE FULTON COUNTY ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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**April 10th, 2015 (WAUSEON, OH)** April is National County Government Month, and this year's theme is "Counties Moving America Forward: The Keys are Transportation and Infrastructure." Transportation is essential, without it, we are not able to meet basic needs such as going to the grocery store, or getting medical attention. We rely on it to conduct business, and travel for entertainment. Our farmers rely on the safety of roads and bridges to be able to navigate their machinery efficiently and effectively as well as our industrialists rely on routes to import and export their products.

Fulton County maintains 363.34 miles of road and 259 bridges. Within Fulton County, the Ohio Department of Transportation maintains 140.63 miles of road, the Ohio Turnpike Infrastructure and Commission maintains 26.10 miles, and the townships maintain 383.81 miles of road. Statewide, Ohio's County Engineers are responsible for 29,088 miles of road and 26,859 bridges.

The Fulton County Engineer's Office continues to strive to make roads and bridges safe. "From our winter snow plowing operations to our summer construction projects, the employees at the County Engineer's Office and Highway Department work conscientiously to provide a safe and efficient county highway system," commented County Engineer Frank Onweller. "With our daily maintenance work and the road and bridge improvement projects, we strive to improve the safety for the travelling public," he added. Below is a listing of 2014 and upcoming 2015 projects.

### **BRIDGE REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION**

2014: Replaced/rehabbed 2 bridges; the bridge on Road 5-2 (north of Road HJ) at a cost of \$265,115 (50% of cost was paid by OPWC Issue 2 Grant), and the Bridge on Road 3 (north of Road B) at a cost of \$158,665.

2015: Road 26, one half of a mile north of Road D at a cost of \$205,888 (75% of the cost is paid by OPWC Loan at 0% interest)

### **WIDEN/RECONSTRUCTION**

2014: Road 21, from State Route 2 to Road H was widened and reconstructed at a cost of \$1,083,233.

### **ASPHALT RESURFACING**

2014: A total of 6 miles of asphalt was resurfaced at a cost of \$745,293.

2015: Road D and Road 3 Resurfacing Project (23 miles) at a cost of \$4,291,484 (80% of cost is paid by Federal CSTP Grant). The projected start date for this project is May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

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