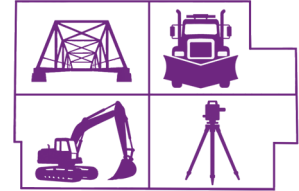


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**A WORD FROM JOSHUA**

We are filing this report to highlight the Coshocton County Engineer’s Office 2025 activities and to lay out our tentative plans for 2026.

I was appointed County Engineer July 1, 2025 and served the last 6 months of 2025. I look forward to serving the entirety of 2026 and for many years to come.

As always, if you have questions with regard to the various activities of the County Engineer’s Office, please feel free to contact us at 740-622-2135 or via email at [joshkempf@coshoctoncounty.net](mailto:joshkempf@coshoctoncounty.net). For current information with regard to the County Engineer’s Office, please visit our website at [www.coshoctoncounty.net/engineer](http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/engineer).



**Joshua Kempf, P.E., P.S.**

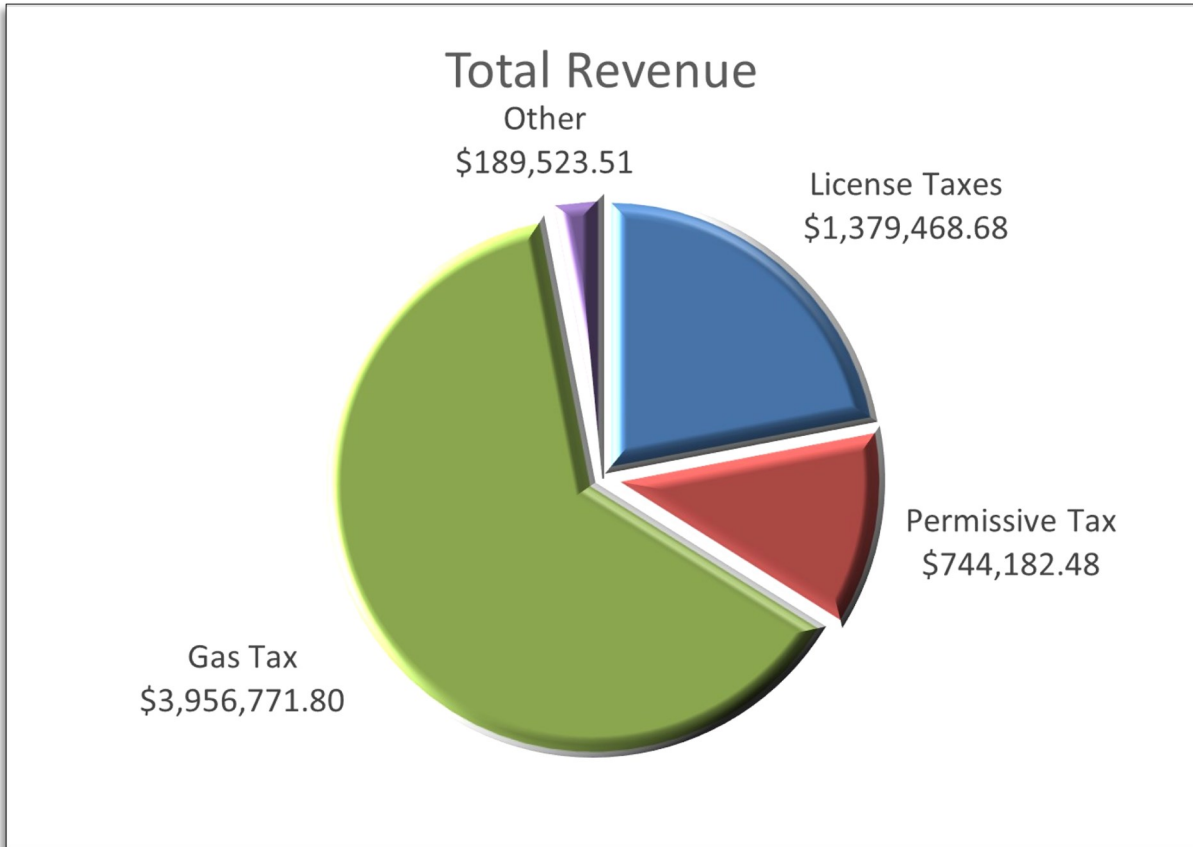
- **What made you want to pursue career in not only engineering, but also surveying?**
  - In high school I had a mentor that was a surveyor. I learned a lot from them and grew to really enjoy surveying. Along the way I also learned about engineering. I liked both and chose a career path where I could do both.
- **What made you want to be a County Engineer?**
  - To be able to serve in my home community and help with local projects.
- **What are you most excited for with being the County Engineer?**
  - To be able to connect with the people around me and join together to work on projects that have a significant impact on Coshocton County.
- **What are some of your goals as County Engineer?**
  - Keep going on the trajectory that my predecessor set and improve the roads and bridges of Coshocton County.
- **What do you like to do outside of work?**
  - Raising my two kids. They’re four and five. They take up most of my time outside of work.

Article from the County Engineers Association of Ohio.

## ENGINEER’S OFFICE FUNDING

The below graph shows the various funding sources for the Coshocton County Engineer’s Office. The “Other” portion of the graph includes interest, traffic fines, commercial enforcement fines, permits, oversized permits, equipment sales, and animal drawn vehicle fund.

**The county engineer’s office receives NO PROPERTY TAX for any of our operations.**



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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

A number of employees resigned to pursue other interests. Leaving in 2025 were: County Engineer Fred Wachtel – retired; HMW Kelly Sims – resigned; Operations Manager Duane McElhaney – resigned; and Admin. Asst. John Hardesty – resigned.

Employees joining the County Engineer’s Office in 2025 included: Caden Wilson, Engineer Technician; Ben St. Clair, Road Superintendent; Kiana Bradford – CCRPC Admin. Asst.; and Cody Westhoefer – Head Mechanic. We are pleased to be incorporating these 4 individuals into our team to serve the citizens of Coshocton County.

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## ACCESS MANAGEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS

2025 has been the busiest year on record for Access Management. Our office recorded the highest volume of permit applications on record, with a total of **565** permits, and generated **\$12,099.00** in revenue. A total of **187** access permit applications were received. These permits consisted of 13 MinV driveways, 83 Temporary MinV driveways, 81 VLV driveways, 8 LV driveways, 1 MV driveway, 1 HV driveway and 3 Penalties for No Permit.

We received a total of **6** Floodplain permit applications. The management of the Floodplain Program was turned over to the Coshocton County EMA in July of 2025.

We received a total of **372** Right-of-Way permits in 2025.

A total of **147** property splits were received from and reviewed for the Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission. All property splits for 2025 were approved. 2025 was the third busiest year on record. 2019 was the busiest year with 162 property splits and 2023 was the second busiest year with 151 property splits.

We received **101** requests for address in 2025. Each address request requires a site visit to verify the property has an approved access point. If there is not an approved access point, then an access permit is issued at the time of the visit.

O.U.P.S. tickets were reviewed on a daily basis. Contact was established with the person or business that requested the O.U.P.S. Ticket. If required, a site visit was made and /or inspections were conducted at the job site. The review of the O.U.P.S. tickets resulted in corrective work in some locations, and permit applications in others. Not all O.U.P.S. tickets required action from this office.

## FLEET MANAGEMENT

We continue to evaluate our fleet to make sure we are getting the most efficiency out of the equipment. When a vehicle or piece of equipment can no longer handle the continuous work of being part of the fleet, we decide to retire them and replace with new or newer equipment.

In our ongoing effort to maintain a serviceable fleet, the following lists are our major equipment purchases and deletions:

Additions:

- ◆ 2—2025 GMC Sierra 2500 HD - \$53,146.04 each
- ◆ 2026 Western Star 49X cab and chassis purchased in 2025 (awaiting upfit) \$168,837.00
- ◆ 1 - 2024 General Engine Trailer 20 XPT - \$30,600
- ◆ 1 - 2016 Jarraff Mechanical Trimmer \$105,000

Deletions:

- ◆ 2021 Dodge Durango SXT— Gov.Deals - \$20,627.50
- ◆ 2009 International 7400 Dump Truck - Gov.Deals - \$18,500



## OTHER THINGS WE DO

- The Coshocton County Engineer's Office continues to be involved with the improvements at Skip's Landing.
- Joshua serves as the Executive Director of the Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission, Chair of Coshocton County Transportation Improvement District, and as the Sanitary Engineer for the County Commissioners.

## MAJOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

Our 2025 resurfacing program consisted of a combination of MVG funding, and Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant.

County Engineer's personnel administered all aspects of the OPWC Round 39 resurfacing projects, including design, cost estimates, bid and contract preparation, as well as construction inspection. Entities that participated in these projects included the Coshocton County Engineer; the City of Coshocton; the Village of Warsaw; the Village of Nellie; the Townships of Tuscarawas, Lafayette, and Franklin. By collaborating and sharing services with various other governmental entities we are able to provide a better, more economical project for all involved.



County roads resurfaced in 2025 were:

- CR 16, Asphalt, City of Coshocton to Village of West Lafayette, 4.39 miles, Tuscarawas & Lafayette Townships, \$1,501,229, (\$1,193,087 CSTP Grant/\$308,142 MVG)
- CR 621, Asphalt, US 36 to US 36, 5.66 miles, Tuscarawas Township, \$614,155, (\$45,000 OPWC/\$569,155 MVG)
- CR 22, Asphalt, TR 341 to CR 33 2.60 miles, Jefferson & Monroe Townships, \$380,498, (\$190,249 OPWC/\$190,249 MVG)
- CR 10, Asphalt, US 36 to CR 425, 3.00 miles, Keene & White Eyes Townships, \$463,989 (\$231,994 OP/\$231,995 MVG)
- CR 367, Chip Seal, SR 229 to SR 541 2.87 miles, Perry & Newcastle Townships, \$59,060 (MVG)
- CR 2, Chip Seal, CR 97 to CR 93, 0.98 miles, Adams Township, \$38,551 (MVG)
- CR 126, Chip Seal, CR 12 to County Line, 4.00 miles, Millcreek Township, \$94,151 (MVG/GOA)
- CR 10, Trough Repair and Chip Seal, CR 171 to SR 651, 7.44 miles, White Eyes & Crawford Townships, \$202,380 (MVG)
- CR 12, Trough Repair and Chip Seal, TR 212 to HOL CR 600, 6.45 miles, Millcreek & Crawford Townships, \$172,492 (MVG)



In addition to the work noted above, a new roundabout was constructed at the intersection of CR 1A and CR 496 as part of the Appalachian Community Grant work being completed at Skip's Landing. A new multi-Use path was also constructed along CR 621 through the Transportation Alternatives Program administered by ODOT.

### **Total Resurfacing Expenditure 2025 – \$3,526,505**

County Surface Transportation Program - \$1,193,087

OPWC Grant (CR 22, CR 10, CR 621) – \$467,243

Total County MVG Expenditure - \$1,866,175

## DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS & CULVERT REPLACEMENTS

County crews completed 25 different installations on our County road system in 2025 at a total cost of \$130,711.08. These installations ranged in size from 15" up to 60" diameter plastic pipe. The total lineal feet of pipe installed 1,195 feet. The installations were in 8 different townships with the most installations, 10, being in Monroe Township, followed by White Eyes Township with 7. Most of the installations were done in preparation for paving work done later in the year.



## WINTER 2024-2025 SNOW PATROL

Statistics for road treatment for the winter of 2024-2025: We responded to 12 events; Worked 1,258 hours of regular time and 880 hours of overtime; Drove 30,224.70 miles; Used 801.45 tons of salt, 1,156.35 tons of salt/grit mix, for a total material cost of \$77,523.73. The total cost to Coshoc-ton County for last winter's snow patrol was just over \$283,916.56. For comparison, the winter of 23-24 cost just over \$121,705.00.



## ROAD MAINTENANCE

Road maintenance activities include routine mowing to control wild grass and brush along roadways. Without this work, vegetation would encroach into the traveled way and create safety concerns. Overgrown grass and brush can also limit driver visibility, particularly at intersections and when entering or exiting roadways.



In 2025, the office completed scheduled roadway repairs and responded to reports from



travelers regarding potholes. Repairs were made using both cold patch and hot-mix materials. Crews worked a total of 1,164 hours placing cold patch at a cost of \$52,077.05. An additional 729.5 hours were dedicated to roadway repairs

using Durapatch with total costs of \$70,574.94.

The department also prioritized the removal of trees that were dead, leaning, or located too close to roadways before they became hazards. Most tree removal requests occurred during or following storm events. In 2025, total expenditures for tree removal were \$299,888.83.

## COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ENFORCEMENT & BRIDGE AND PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROGRAM

As the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Program & Bridge and Pavement Preservation Program completes its second year in operation, we are pleased with the results we have been able to accomplish in 2025. Much time and effort has been spent, not just enforcing weight laws and restrictions within the county, but in educating companies and drivers along the way to better work together to accomplish these goals. We have met with numerous companies and drivers in and around the county this past year



offering free education classes on weight enforcement, proper hauling procedures and proper securement standards. In this effort, we have been able to bridge the “gap” between companies and our goals with the Weights and Scales program in the county, which has allowed us to build a great rapport with many businesses and drivers in and around the area. Several companies and drivers have requested a free “courtesy weight check” with the portable scales to achieve a base understanding of what their trucks are legally able to haul. We instruct them to load their trucks as they normally would and then place them on the portable scales. Once on the scales, we are able

to show them where they’re good or bad on their weights and make any necessary adjustments to certain axle weights and/or the gross weight of the truck. In several occasions, the tag axles (cheaters) of certain trucks were found to be too low on PSI, which caused excessive weight on other axles. By observing the weights while on the portable scales, we were able to make the necessary PSI adjustments to these axles so they worked better for the driver instead of against them. By doing so, this helps accomplish our goals regarding weight enforcement in the county and ensures we’re not just out there to “write tickets”. Compliance is extremely important when enforcing any laws and being able to work together, instead of against each other, has been very beneficial for this program and most companies and drivers have been very receptive to this.



In 2025, Deputy Chris Johnson weighed a total of 864,100 lbs. in overweight loads. He made a total of 235 traffic stops of which 151 of them were directly weight enforcement related. He weighed a total of 78 trucks, issued 93 citations, issued 61 written warnings and 18 verbal warnings. Several of these citations were issued for unsecured loads, improper securement violations and Special Hauling Permit violations. He also assisted the Sheriff’s Office on a total of 82 calls while still performing his regular duties. The Engineer’s Office issued approximately 100 single trip permits and approximately 15 annual permits in 2025.

## CURRENT CONDITION RATINGS OF OUR 350 MILES OF ROAD:



	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Critical
'25	30	198	76	41	0
'24	35	224	64	22	0
'23	34	238	58	18	0
'22	37	243	56	14	0
'21	39	244	54	13	0
'20	41	232	64	13	0
'19	30	231	75	14	0
'18	23	228	86	13	0
'17	36	216	82	16	0
'16	47	202	92	10	0
'15	37	185	106	24	0
'14	31	206	89	24	0
'13	39	215	80	18	0
'12	58	175	93	26	0
'11	56	172	88	36	0

## AMISH STEERING COMMITTEE

The following table shows the amount contributed and the amount of expenditures the County Engineer has spent on contract repairs on roads frequently used by animal drawn vehicles:

YEAR	CONTRIBUTION	CONTRACT EXPENDITURE
2015	\$9,586	\$791,195
2016	\$23,204	\$628,724
2017	\$23,204	\$242,188
2018	\$26,454	\$0
2019	\$28,185	\$104,821
2020	\$27,677	\$186,775
2021	\$30,201	\$380,166
2022	*\$64,310	\$461,062
2023	\$48,044	\$486,920
2024	\$47,907	\$111,812
2025	\$47,907	\$374,872
<b>11 Year Totals</b>	<b>\$379,415</b>	<b>\$3,768,535</b>

\* The 2022 contribution was actually two payments because Amish Steering Committee changed to a fall distribution.

## SAFETY ISSUES

In 2025 we had no reportable injury.

We have continued with a variety of "tailgate talks" that seem to be working well. Our safety training include: BWC Tree workers safety class and CPR / first aid training.



## BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

In 2025, we were able to replace 4 bridges utilizing grants and local funds. These projects were: County Road 10, Bridge 1 – a four-sided concrete box culvert contracted with McConnell Contracting at a cost of \$125,200; Jackson Township Road 504, Bridge 1, – in-kind superstructure replacement, contracted with McConnell Contracting at a cost of \$106,975; Adams Township Road 459, Bridge 1 – four-sided concrete box culvert contracted with McConnell Contracting at a cost of \$150,875; Adams Township Road 252, Bridge 1, – a 48’ prestress box beam bridge, contracted with McConnell Contracting at a cost of \$552,632, 100% grant funded through Bridge Formula Program.



### Total Bridge Replacement/Rehab Expenditure - \$935,682

Bridge Formula Program (TR 252) - \$552,632

Total County MVG Expenditure - \$383,050

Based upon ODOT’s sufficiency ratings, the breakdown at year’s end is as follows:

	'25	'24	'23	'22	'21	'20	'19	'18	'17	'16	'15	'14	'13	'12	'11	'10	'09	'08
<b>Bridges</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>289</b>
Excellent	107	104	102	96	100	106	102	102	106	125	124	123	108	105	103	98	95	91
Good	136	138	139	142	142	135	132	140	137	118	122	116	95	90	91	91	91	93
Fair	20	19	20	20	16	17	19	19	17	20	18	24	59	49	52	65	69	73
Poor	5	5	5	9	9	9	15	8	9	4	7	10	14	29	38	34	33	32
Critical	0	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
% Posted	8.9	4.9	5.2	5.6	7.4	7.4	10.0	9.3	10.0	11.2	14.0	13.5	16.3	17.0	20.1	22.2	21.1	22.4

The General Appraisal Summary of our bridges is as follows:

	GA9	GA8	GA7	GA6	GA5	GA4	GA3	GA2
'25	17	20	84	92	36	14	5	0
'24	13	18	84	91	38	15	7	1
'23	12	18	83	89	39	18	6	2
'22	7	20	81	86	46	21	7	0
'21	5	19	81	84	47	28	5	0
'20	7	23	77	94	45	21	2	0
'19	7	30	69	88	47	24	4	1
'18	11	30	66	89	49	20	5	0
'17	13	30	64	91	46	19	7	0
'16	9	31	69	82	48	23	5	0
'15	9	27	94	56	57	22	7	0

## PENDING ROAD PROJECTS

Our 2026 resurfacing program will be funded through a combination of County Engineer's Office funds and pending OPWC grant. No general fund monies are allocated to the County Engineer's Office. The planned projects, providing funding is available, include:

- CR 24, Asphalt, SR 60 to TR 45, 1.47 miles, Bethlehem Township, \$193,191 (OPWC/MVG)
- CR 6, Asphalt, CR 286 to Corp Line, 5.23 miles, Virginia & Washington Townships, \$740,979
- CR 55, Asphalt, Corp Line to CR 23, 1.97 miles, Jackson Township, \$251,314
- CR 2, Chip Seal, CR 93 to SR 93, 3.07 miles, Adams & White Eyes Townships, \$68,939
- CR 5, Chip Seal, CR 151 to MM 1.55, Lafayette & Oxford Townships, 2.72 miles, \$62,390
- CR 227, FDR & Double Chip Seal, CR 190 to CR 10, 2.27 miles, Crawford Township, \$169,603
- CR 383, FDR & Double Chip Seal, SR 79 to CR 3, 1.47 miles, Pike & Perry Townships, \$99,363
- CR 495, Chip Seal, All east of US 36, 1.32 miles, Jackson Township, \$31,137
- CR 33, FDR, CR 19 to CR 319, 3.285 miles, Monroe Township, \$42,394
- CR 410, FDR, TR 121 to TR 256, 1.43 miles, Oxford Township, \$23,070
- CR 18, FDR, CR 367 to SR 541, 2.71 miles, Perry Township, \$31,484
- CR 436, FDR, CR 4 to CR 3, 3.29 miles, Washington & Pike Township, \$42,527
- CR 3, FDR, SR 60 to SR 541, 3.04 miles, Bedford Township, \$37,345
- CR 80, FDR, SR 79 to CR 3, 1.45 miles, Pike & Perry Townships, \$18,775

### Total Estimated Resurfacing Expenditure - \$1,812,511

Pending OPWC Grant – \$467,085

Total Estimated MVG Expenditure - \$1,345,426

## PENDING BRIDGE PROJECTS

Bridge projects planned for construction in 2026, provided funds are available, include:

- Township Road 247, Bridge 1, in Adams Township (box culvert)
- County Road 286, Bridge 1, in Franklin Township (box culvert)
- County Road 367, Bridge 2, in Newcastle Township (box culvert)
- Township Road 170, Bridge 1, in White Eyes Township (box beam)
- County Road 24, Bridge 1, in Tuscarawas Township (box beam)
- County Road 365, Bridge 1, in Tiverton Township (steel box truss)



In addition, our crews will be performing various maintenance activities on our inventory of 268 bridges. This includes re-decking, channel work, signage, waterproofing, and any emergency work as needed. We will also be looking for more potential bridge to culvert conversions.

Additionally, we were granted Local Bridge Replacement funding to replace CR 28, Bridge 5 in Bethlehem Township in 2030 and Township Road 25, Bridge 2 in Clark Township in 2031.

## COSHOCTON COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The County Engineer's Office continues to be contracted to serve as the Director for the Coshocton County Regional Planning Commission. The Regional Planning Office has moved out of the Engineer's Office and back in to town where it originally started. There is a new person that is handling the splits, Kiana Bradford will be the new face you see. We spend a lot of time answering questions from property owners, realtors, developers, and surveyors with regard to splitting property.

YEAR	Applications	Parcels Created	Private Road Subdivisions
2025	137	370	10
2024	140	382	12
2023	150	370	7
2022	120	280	10

All fees are processed through our office and any necessary field reviews or inspections are performed by County Engineer's Office personnel. The contract agreement has the County Commissioners paying the Engineer's Office \$1,000 per month. The fee for lot splits increased in 2025 to \$275, which the Engineer's Office receives \$200 and the County Health District receives \$75 of the CCRPC split fees for every new property shape created. That has been the first increase in many years.

### GIS / TAX MAP

Our GIS site is located at <https://www.coshoctoncounty.net/taxmap/>. In addition to property mapping, you can link to the boundary survey associated with the selected parcel, link to County Auditor's Data, view floodplain boundaries and if you toggle on the bridge layer you can link to the Load Rating form for that bridge which shows the maximum capacity of each bridge as well as other useful information.

Our GIS / Tax Map Office is staffed by two people, Jona Lee Mikesell, who handles our survey and deed reviews and Jimmie McMillan, who handles our mapping and GIS system.

Year	Documents of Transfer	Surveys	Platted Subdivisions	Description Checks
2025	1358	200	11	45
2024	1352	191	14	38
2023	1434	207	9	26
2022	1516	194	14	65

### GIS PARCEL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES WERE:

Year	Parcels Transferred	Parcels Split	Parcels Combined	Parcels Resurveyed
2025	2510	116	66	86
2024	1319	216	38	126
2023	2626	169	59	102
2022	2451	153	57	52

Addressed assigned in the unincorporated portion of Coshocton County in partnership with our access management program were:

YEAR	Number of Addresses
2025	150
2024	124
2023	139

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