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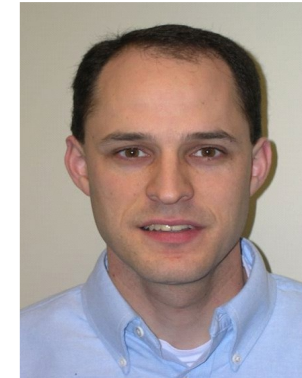
BRIDGE SUFFICIENCY RATINGS

Year	Poor 0-50	Fair 51-70	Good-Excellent 71-100	Year	Poor 0-50	Fair 51-70	Good-Excellent 71-100
2012	5.2%	7.4%	87.4%	2019	2.1%	2.1%	95.8%
2013	3.9%	8.3%	87.8%	2020	2.1%	2.1%	95.8%
2014	3.9%	7.4%	88.7%	2021	0.9%	1.7%	97.4%
2015	3.5%	6.5%	90%	2022	0.9%	1.3%	97.8%
2016	3.0%	6.1%	90.9%	2023	0.4%	1.3%	98.3%
2017	3.5%	3.0%	93.5%	2024	0%	3.1%	96.9%
2018	3.0%	3.0%	94%	2025	0%	3.2%	96.8%



**Defiance County Engineer
 Annual Report
 2025**

FROM THE DESK OF
 WARREN J. SCHLATTER, P.E., P.S.



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DEFIANCE—It is my privilege to present the Annual Report for the Office of the Defiance County Engineer for the year 2025.

Our Highway Garage Staff did much of the support work for the roadside grading and widening work. There were a total of thirty-two culverts replaced this year. They continued with their various other duties as well (replacing berm, mowing, patching, sign replacement, roadside tree trimming and removal, snow & ice control/removal, etc.).

This year we widened several roads through out the County. Here are some of the roads that were widened: Behnfeldt Rd between SR 18 and Fountain Street Rd, Blosser Rd between US 127 and The Bend Rd, Buckskin Rd between Glenburg and Flickinger Rd, Glenburg Rd between SR 15 and Blosser Rd and between Scott and Bostater Rd, Independence Rd between Banner School and Adams Ridge Rd and from CR 424 to Elliott Rd, Mekus Rd between Moser and Adams Ridge Rd, and Standley Rd between Fruit Ridge and Harris Rd.

Our Highway Staff replaced 3 bridges this year. Glenburg Rd North of Blosser Rd, Huber Rd at Rosedale Rd and the Defiance Williams County Line Rd West of SR 49. The combined total was \$95,896.48.

This year we paved and striped CR 424 between Independence Dam State Park to the Defiance Henry County Line Rd. Gerken Paving, Inc was the prime contractor for this project.

Our administrative staff manages the overall office functions and budget of the Engineer's Office. They also help with the designing, engineering and overseeing of all aspects of the construction projects. With their diligence, we were able to obtain \$1,160,990.00 in federal and state grants for this year's projects as well.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Defiance County for the opportunity to serve you.

I respectfully submit this annual report required by Ohio Revised Code Ch. 5543.

Warren J. Schlatter

2025 BRIDGE WORK AND MAJOR ROAD WORK

2025 Road Paving			
Location	Cost	Widened From	Widened To
Behnfeldt Rd btw SR 18 and Fountain Street Rd	\$44,730.00	17'	19'
Blosser Rd btw US 127 & The Bend Rd	\$102,240.00	18'	22'
Buckskin Rd btw Flickinger & Glenburg Rd	\$93,613.50	18'	22'
Glenburg Rd btw SR 15 & Blosser Rd	\$10,383.75	16'	18'
Glenburg Rd btw Bostater & Scott Rd	\$90,258.75	16'	18'
Independence Rd btw CR 424 & Elliott	\$52,717.50	17'	19'
Standley Rd btw Fruit Ridge Rd & SR 18	\$177,322.50	18'	22'

2025 ACTUAL INCOME & EXPENSES

<u>2025 Revenue</u>		<u>Disbursements</u>	
Permissive Tax	474,022	Salaries	1,506,102
Motor Vehicle License Tax	1,664,722	Benefits	594,178
Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax	3,956,772	Materials & Supplies	1,136,646
Court Fines	25,405	Equipment	539,284
Sales (Maps, Prints, etc.)	9	Contracted Repairs	80,863
Other	160,861	Office Expenses	3,402
Reimbursements	345,000	Other Expenses	63,709
Interest	8,227	Contracted Services	24,978
Transfers	9,999	Contracted Projects	2,694,347
State Reimbursements	3,075	Land Acquisition (right of way)	19,437
State Grant Advances	-	State Grant Advances	-
OPWC	891,563	Grants to Townships.	503,826
Federal Grants	360,000	Grant Matching Funds & FHWA	1,160,990
Total Income	\$7,899,655	Total Expenditures	\$8,327,762
Outstanding Encumbrances	113,937	Outstanding Encumbrances	72,020
2024 Carryover to 2025	1,863,633	2025 Carryover to 2026	1,477,443
Total Revenue	\$9,877,225	Total Disbursements	\$9,877,225

SNOW & ICE CONTROL

Snow & Ice Control costs were typical during November 1, 2024 through March 1, 2025 season. There were many smaller events that characterized this season. Below is a comparison of the last 3 seasons.

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Labor	\$25,811.74	\$23,041.70	\$55,481.61
Overtime	\$22,025.31	\$30,082.38	\$61,475.68
Material	\$69,203.59	\$120,293.44	\$142,798.28
Equipment	\$118,500.28	\$156,336.48	\$295,042.20
Total Seasonal Cost	\$235,540.92	\$329,754.00	\$554,797.77

2025 SIGN REPLACEMENTS

Type of Sign	Quantity
Stop Sign	49
Stop Ahead	17
Warning	23
Road Name	46
Other Regulatory	10
Total	145

Reason	Quantity
Accident	13
Vandalism	0
Stolen	41
Normal wear (Faded, cracked, upgrade, etc.)	91
Total	145

2025 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM

RESURFACING:

County:

Behnfeldt	1 mile
Blosser	2.98 miles
Buckskin	1.02 miles
Glenburg	2.23 miles
Flory	2.22 miles
Independence	2.75 miles
Mekus	1.36 miles
Standley	1.55 miles
14,755 tons of asphalt applied	

Townships:

7 Townships	11.66 miles
10,600 tons of asphalt applied	

Total Cost: \$2,929,465.07

2025 PATCHING & REPAIR

1,845 tons of asphalt were used this year to patch and repair county roadways at a cost of \$333,874.50.

1,387 tons of asphalt were used to patch and repair township roadways in the following townships: Delaware, Farmer, Hicksville, Highland, Mark, Milford, Noble, Richland and Washington. The cost to the townships was \$250,421.07.

2025 CRACK SEALING

39,062 pounds of crack sealing material were applied to 21.36 miles of county roadways at a cost of \$66,611.96.

11.01 miles of township roadways were sealed using 18,388 pounds of crack sealing material under the supervision of the County Engineer's Office. The cost for township crack sealing was \$31,075.72.

2025 CHIP SEALING

2,428 tons of stone and 69,240 gallons of liquid asphalt were applied to 17.34 miles of county roadways during this year's chip sealing program. This year's cost was \$245,441.20.

47.21 miles of township roads were chip sealed using 5,968 tons of stone and 165,369 gallons of liquid asphalt at a cost of \$562,734.23. All the townships participated this year except three.

2025 PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM

1,734 gallons of paint were applied to county and township roads during the 2025 Pavement Marking Program at a total cost of \$142,128.60. The markings included:

Type	County	Township
Centerline	34.48 Mi.	11 Mi.
Edge Line	68.96 Mi.	11 Mi.
Stop Lines	32	2
Railroad Crossings	4	2
School Zones	1	0

2025 PERMITS

Driveway	27
Utility Occupancy	117
Excavation	0
Ditch Enclosure	1
Storm water/Sanitary Discharge	0
Special Hauling	21
R/W Occupancy	2
TOTAL	168

2025 Vegetation Control

The West half of the county was sprayed for vegetation control in 2025.

31,488 gallons were applied at a cost of \$22,656.00.

Hicksville township participated this year.

2025 Right of Way Acquisition

Additional right of way is purchased for many new projects. This year's acquisitions included:

0 Temporary easements totaling 0 acres
3 Permanent parcels totaling 1.692 acres

Total cost: \$19,437.00