

Hancock County Board of Commissioners Informative Report
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January 2019 Informative Report:

- The Hancock County Road Department has been delayed on blading roads and accomplishing many other tasks due to amount of rainfall over the past several months.
 - Blading has taken place on the days when weather permits; however, we are way behind and have been spot blading/ placing gravel in areas to keep them passible until crews can make necessary rounds.
 - The week of January 14, 2019 crews have made it to the Linton & Beulah areas blading roads and the week of January 25, crews bladed Chickasaw area.
 - Intentions are to stay on schedule and blade roads from west to southwest and continue south progressing eastward reaching the north section of the county and vice versa. Often crews detour to catch problem areas or to address major repairs.
 - With 250 miles of dirt roads this can be a huge task with crews covering 8 - 10 miles daily with two motor graders working together.
 - Hancock County has 4 motor graders total: 12-M2 Caterpillar, John Deere Ditcher, John Deere 772, and an older model Caterpillar.
- Contracted brush mowing has progressed significantly in the Beulah area to include all the adjoining dirt roads (Underwood Road, Trawick Road, Parker Road, Blan Mill Road, Spike Road, Minor Road, Dixon Road, Power Line Road and Young Road)
 - Road Department brush mowing has progressed significantly in the Buffalo area to include: Cody Johnson Road, Frank Hyman Road, Francis Hyman Road, Balerma Church Road, Candyman Road, Barnes Road, Kingsway Road and Anna Poole Road.
- Tyler Technology Incode 10 preliminary implementation is underway to include building of accounts, general ledger posting and reconciliation to name a few. This is an extensive process and requires daily trainings and remote/ onsite training from Tyler. I will keep you posted as the software implementation progresses throughout the year.
- 2018 Summary of Road Related Repairs and Cost
 - Hancock County received \$557, 620.13 through LMIG – Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant on January 28, 2018. Local governments receive LMIG form the Georgia Department of Transportation annually upon completion of an application and falling in line with all requirements as listed below:

- Overview of type of project (s); status of previous LMIG funding; required signature (s) of approval;
- wood Environmental & Infrastructure Solutions which are Hancock County's road consultants, perform road ratings, establish preliminary estimates, and assist with oversight of road projects.
- Pittman Construction had the low bid on the 2018 LMIG paving, patching, and resurfacing project and the total cost is \$1,432,896.69 and the following roadways received improvements:
 - Resurfacing - Charlestown Road, Cody Johnson Road, Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Mirror Pond Road, Old Augusta Road, St. Mark Church Road, Sandy Run Drive, Butts Road, Souville Circle, Hickory Court, Poplar Court, Village Court, Maple Circle, Oak Street, Village Lane, Brooks Street, Dogwood Drive, James Way Drive, and Lake Crest Drive.
 - Patching – Friendship Nebo Road, Hunt's Chapel Road, Log Cabin Road, Shoals Road, Wallace Dam Road, Beulah Highway, Springfield Church Road, Edwards Road, Old Eatonton Road, Warren Chapel Road, and Hamburg State Park Road.
 - Southern Asphalt performed significant pot hole and patching throughout the county for a total cost of \$117,372.50. the following roadways received improvements:
 - Patching and overlaying – Island Creek Church Road, Island Creek Drive, Jones Chapel Road, Main Street, Carrs Station Road, Lake Sinclair Drive (area where culvert was replaced), Centennial Road, Daisy Court, Gilbert Road, Gilbert circle, T. Tucker Road, Culvert Drive, Old Eatonton Road, and demo/repair area in parking lot of Sparta Fire Station.
- Hot asphalt hauled and spread by the road department on various side roads in the East Lake area total \$13, 412.00 which is approximately 15 loads totaling approximately 260 tons.
- wood Environmental Infrastructure Solutions (road consultants) fees total \$40,290.00 for 446 work hours. As mentioned earlier, consultants rate roadways, assist with LMIG application, provide solutions to road issues throughout the county, and are instrumental in future road improvement plans and maintenance.
- \$68,000.00 (4-30-2018) paid to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) for the Water Works Road Bridge replacement project. This project is on the schedule for total replacement, but I am awaiting notice from GDOT of the official date. A project number has been assigned but as with all government projects there is a process and I will keep you posted as I receive additional information.

- Contracted Brush mowing for the 2018 year totaled \$181,207.00, and the work was performed by Eubanks Land Co., Georgia Brush Mowing, and Utilicon Services. The following areas received brush mowing services: Sandy Run Road, Mt. Stephens Road, Sigman Road, Springfield Church Road, Jewel Road, Jones Bridge Road, Rabun Road, Springfield Church Road, Jewell Road, Covey Rise Farm Road, Big Water East Area, East lake Area, Oconee drive, Island Creek Drive, and Lake Sinclair Drive.
 - Contracted mowing has allowed for much needed mowing in areas that have not received attention and have allowed the county brush mower to catch up on mowing. There are many others that have not been mowed, but we are progressing at a faster rate to reach them all.
- Aggregates purchased through November 2018 total \$150,000.00 to include: gravel/crush and run, rip rap, and all other rock.
- Hancock County purchased fuel from Chamber's Oil Company totaling \$218,966.75 for all departments through November 2018.
 - Fuel pumps are located at the Hancock County Road Department and each department has a unique code as well as every personnel within the department.
 - The system tracks how much fuel each person and department used, and access is granted through everyone's identification badge.
 - Monthly reports are printed and kept on file.
 - Fuel used by Grady EMS services are reimbursed to the county monthly.
 - Ford's Equipment Company services and inspects the fuel pumps and total cost for service and repairs in 2018 are: \$1,575.93
- Total paid to Caterpillar Financial for the lease /own payments of the Caterpillar 12M2 Motor Grader, 326 FL Excavator, and DAH 150E grinder/mulching head is \$57,237. 98. Payments through November 2018.
- FLINT Equipment (John Deere) was paid a total of \$11,927.75 through November 2018 for repairs to an older model John Deere motor grader, John Deere 544-G wheel loader, John Deere dozier, and brush mower.
- Hancock County Retirement Plan offered through ACCG GEBcorp. Total payment for 2018 was \$398,669.00 of which the entire amount is county funded. There are 457-B plans available for those who wish to contribute. As the plan is modified for cost savings and any changes, I will keep you posted.
- Additional and Updated Financial Information will be included in future reports.

Sincerely
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