

Supervisor Comments July 2018

Funds Remaining from the Sims Centennial ...

The Sims Township Community Promotion Fund was created to fund the Centennial and there are funds remaining after all expenses were covered. No funds for the Centennial were from the Sims General Fund. The funds for the Centennial came from businesses and individuals within the Au Gres, Sims and Whitney communities. We are very grateful to all who contributed so generously and to Christine Cushen who kept close tabs on what was spent. There were several that gave beverages and special foods plus others who supplied tables and chairs and the list of what was given is extensive, and to everyone we say, "Thank You." We are also grateful to all who gave of their time so generously in helping to make the Centennial a success.

The total funds received was \$2,152.00 of which \$1,074.98 was spent, leaving a balance of \$1077.02. It has been decided that those funds could be put to a greater use by being shared with several groups that are providing services to the public within these communities. There is a food pantry service, another service that distributes school supplies to students, another service that makes scholarships available to students and others. We believe it would be appropriate to give an equal distribution to all groups providing services. We are asking for suggestions on which local organizations and service groups should receive a distribution, so if you have a suggestion, please share it with us. While it is true June 2nd was the official Centennial, there are ripple effects that will continue the legacy of that celebration by providing a measure of hope and good will to others.

Baum Rd paving and Mclean Road drainage ...

I was notified on 7/16 that final grading has begun on Baum Road and the paving should be completed by the end of the week ... The Road Commission is waiting on additional quotes for tree cutting along Mclean Rd and it looks like it will be several weeks before 12" drainage tubes can be installed under the roadway. It may take as long as Oct-Nov, but it will be remedied is what I was assured.

Point Lookout and Foster Road Closing ...

There has been a lot of discussion over the last few months regarding the closing of PLR at Foster. Presently, the Road Commission has determined that their objective has been achieved by placing the guardrail where it is, as it enhances safety at the three-road intersection. They have expressed to me that they will not entertain any further actions of removing the guardrail for any reason. From their perspective, the matter is unresolvable as it has existed for years. Anyone not in agreement with their position should present the matter to the court and everyone will live with the court's decision. The ultimate solution lies with MDOT re-engineering the entire intersection. While there are several residents that have objected to the closing, there are several more that have called and expressed their appreciation that the intersection is more user-friendly and they feel safer.

ATV's and Golf Carts ...

The township has received numerous complaints of ATV's and golf carts operating on the county roads and are frequently being operating by young children without supervision. If you see this happening, call 911. A golf cart is legal if it is equipped with seat belts, lights front and rear and a roll bar. If a roll bar is not installed, then all riders must wear helmets. The same applies to side-by-side ATV's. Isaac may be able to offer additional insight ...

Final Comment ...

See, when you drive home today [tonight], you've got a big windshield on the front of your car. And you've got a little bitty rearview mirror. And the reason the windshield is so large and the rearview mirror is so small is because what's happened in your past is not near as important as what's in your future. Joel Osteen