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## **COUNTY ENGINEER ANNOUNCES 2023 RESURFACING CONTRACT**

The Portage County Engineer, Larry Jenkins, said the Board of County Commissioners recently awarded a construction contract for the County's 2023 Asphalt Resurfacing Program. Jenkins said this contract includes about 3 miles of county road resurfacing in portions of Palmyra and Nelson Townships and more than 10 miles of additional pavement repairs in Mantua, Rootstown and Randolph townships. The resurfacing work will take place on Tallmadge Road, from SR 225 to Mahoning Road, and Parkman Road, from Pritchard Road to the County Line. The Partial Depth Repairs will be completed on Mennonite Road from the Aurora City Limits to the Mantua Village Limits, Chamberlain Road from Mennonite to SR. 82 and Industry Road from Taylor to SR. 14. These roads are Level 1 and 2 roads with sections of roads averaging more than 2,000 cars per day. The Commissioners awarded a construction contract for this work to Cardinal Asphalt located in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio in the amount of \$840,113.10. The engineer's estimate for the resurfacing and repairs to these roads was \$1,221,025. Jenkins said Tallmadge and Parkman Roads will also get treated berms along with the application of center and edge line striping. Mennonite, Chamberlain, and Industry will be milled and paved in selected areas of failure to extend the life of the pavement. A pre-construction meeting was recently held in the Engineer's office and the contractor indicated work will start in the beginning of September. The completion date for all the work is October of 2023. The public can expect some delays while the contractor's paving operations and repairs are going on. Jenkins said the County Engineer's office was successful in obtaining a state grant from OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) to offset the cost of the improvements. The grant will pay up to \$341,000.00 of the project cost. Jenkins said the remainder of the project cost will be paid for out of the County Engineer's regular budget, which is mostly comprised of license plate fees and gas tax revenues. If you have any questions or concerns about this project, please contact Larry Jenkins or Mike Collins, project manager, at the County Engineer's office 330-296-6411.

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