

Don Hawthorne, County Commissioner District 3

The periodic rains over the past month have kept the road grader crews busy maintaining the roads. Also the high winds this month have caused the trees that died from last year's drought to fall into the road ways. So the crews have been alert to identify and remove them before they cause problems.

The rains have also slowed our oiling and chipping and have put us behind schedule. The crew did finish Gore Blvd. between Post Oak Rd. and Timber Lane Rd. Also completed was Post Oak Rd. from Lee Blvd to Coombs Rd. We have completed Elm Street in Cache between 8th and just past 5

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Streets. Per our agreement with the City of Cache, we will redo 2

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, Walnut, Pecan, and D Circle Streets before the summer is over.

I have been contacted by several people about a burn ban, and particularly a ban on fireworks. When the Legislature passed the law delegating the burn ban authority to the County Commissioners they established a set criteria that had to be met before a ban could be imposed. Comanche County has yet to meet that criteria.

We continue to work with the town of Medicine Park on their Museum of Natural Resources by putting in tin horns in the road to what will be the visitor's center. We also met with Mayor Cope to determine if we have the equipment to haul cement blocks weighing 4 tons each that were donated to the town to be used as a retainer wall above the parking lot of the new project.

Traditionally the District has dug graves for small rural cemeteries and that has continued. This past month we dug 20 graves. Some days there were 2 to be dug and covered. This helps families financially and we are glad to be able to serve the communities in this way.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation Commission has granted Comanche County and the City of Lawton \$950,000 from the Industrial Access Fund for the first phase of 112th Street. We have met with Lawton Officials and are working out an Interlocal Agreement which will identify how the two entities will work together to complete both phases of this project.

Lee Blvd Status: Kenny Kinder and I attended the ODOT pre-construction meeting with the contractor, APAC. They will begin working on the road on July 9th and will have 165 days to complete it. The road building will start at the City Limits of Lawton and proceed west to 115.

You can access this report monthly on the county web site as well as the County Times. The official web site www.comanchecounty.us is maintained by the Comanche County Public Information Office. You can contact me at don.hawt@comanchecounty.us with any questions or concerns.