



## County Engineer

A Division of the Board of County Commissioners  
Wagoner County Courthouse

### PRESS RELEASE – DECEMBER 30, 2015 111<sup>th</sup> STREET – MIDWAY ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Wagoner County District 3 is working in conjunction with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's (ODEQ) Used Tire Recycling Program to re-pave portions of 111<sup>th</sup> Street and Midway Road.

Car tires that were once destined for the land fill will now go on to see further life and many more miles on County Roads... as Asphalt Pavement.

This is new technology being developed through a partnership that includes experts from the University of Oklahoma (OU) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), as well as the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

County Road Maintenance Crews are now working to rebuild the roadbeds in preparation for paving in the early Spring 2016. All efforts are being made to minimize the negative impacts to the community that results from road work during the winter, however time is of the essence, making these inconveniences necessary.

#### WHY NOW?

To balance the State's budget in 2015, the Oklahoma State Legislature re-allocated \$50 Million of County Road Funds and requested funding cuts in several offices. In recent news reports, the Governor's Office has announced a forecasted budget shortfall for 2016 near \$900 Million.

This project is being funded through a State program that is at the discretion of the Legislature. These funds may be re-consumed by the State in the coming year's budget making process, if funds are not already dedicated to a public works project.

It was recommended by the project team at the October 2015 technical meeting, that road work start immediately to obligate these monies to avoid the possible loss of funding.

The County will be raising road grade in some places, improving drainage in others, so that paving operations can start as soon as warmer spring weather comes to Green Country. Road building during the winter wet season is difficult, but not impossible. And with your support and understanding, this project will soon bring new asphalt pavement to your community.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at our office at:  
[mproctor@wagonercounty.ok.gov](mailto:mproctor@wagonercounty.ok.gov) or call: 918-485-7979.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Monty L. Proctor".

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