

Hocking County engineer to share outpost with ODOT

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LAURELVILLE — The Hocking County Engineer’s office will be sharing space at the Ohio Department of Transportation’s outpost facility in Laurelville.

Hocking County recently had an outpost in Haynes, which is located about four miles southeast of Laurelville on state Route 56. When the lease was up on the building, though, the owners decided not to renew it with the engineer’s office.

“Being in Laurelville doesn’t really change anything as far as our service to Perry and Salt Creek Townships,” Hocking County Engineer Bill Shaw said of the change. “We have 15 snow removal routes that we do and three of them will be serviced out of that outpost.”

If either ODOT or Shaw decide that they no longer want to be housed in the same place, they must give notice to the other party well in advance.

“The way our agreement is written, either party can cancel, but there must be six months notice given, which is plenty of time,” Shaw explained. “Even though we had been out at Haynes ever since I started 30 something years ago, our lease was only three years. However, I look forward to continue with this partnership.”

Also part of the agreement is that Hocking County will supply a loader at the facility for both the county and the state to use, and ODOT will be in charge of sheltering that loader and the trucks. Any salt that is used by the county must either be paid for or restocked.

In a written statement, Shaw said that moving into the state’s outpost will save Hocking County thousands of dollars in rent and other related costs.

“We will save thousands of dollars by sharing this facility with ODOT,” Shaw explained. “We will see how well this works this winter season before making long range plans. I certainly want to thank Steve Williams and ODOT for the opportunity.”

The lease that Hocking County has on the facility in Haynes expires at the end of 2012, which is when the move to ODOT will take place.



The Hocking County Engineers Office will be partnering with the Ohio Department of Transportation and will share a facility in Laurelville starting the first of the year. Elizabeth Nihise