

# Great Game of Huddle Notes

June 12, 2018

**Rick Artman, Highway Department Administrator, opened the meeting to give us all a recap of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Equipment Rodeo, which was held on May 24.**

**What is Public Works?** “A broad category of infrastructure projects, financed and constructed by the Government, for recreational, employment, and health and safety, in order to improve the quality of life.” Examples may be schools, reservoirs, etc.

A lot of planning and preparation went into this event from the entire Highway Department, but more so from the Continuous Improvement Committee, spearheaded by Crystal Richards. This included fine-tuning the rules, the equipment, creating the courses, judging, as well as prizes donated by local vendors. This year’s judges were Jillian Sanchez and Chris Stueve.

Rodeo Day Events included the forklift, backhoe, dump truck and motor grader. And the winners were as follows:

## **The all-around Cowboy: Rhett Boynton**

### **Forklift (13 competitors)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Paul Teel with a time of 50 seconds**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Nick Singletary (51 seconds)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Troy Hodge (56 seconds)**

### **Backhoe (16 competitors)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Paul Teel (47 seconds)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Rhett Boynton (50 seconds)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: James Darter (52 seconds)**

### **Dump Truck (21 competitors)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: Rhett Boynton (1 minute 15 seconds)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Micha Jacobs (1 minute 16 seconds)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Leonard Ellis (1 minute 23 seconds)**

### **Motor Grader (6 competitors)**

**1<sup>st</sup> place: James Darter (48 seconds)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> place: Richard James (aka: “Ratchet”, with a time of 52 seconds)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> place: Michael Hawley (54 seconds)**

Rick also briefly mentioned the CHIPS program (County Highway Improvement Program, which takes place in October, and how amazed he is with how well his staff comes up with time, money savings, labor, etc. for the Highway Department.

