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Important Dates:

July 12, 9:00am
Board Meeting

July 26, 9:00am
Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
7:30am – 4:00pm

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Paving Bid Results

The county wide asphalt resurfacing program was bid in early June.

The program compiled several resurfacing and related work projects on several primary, local and subdivision streets.

The engineer's estimate for the 2012 county wide paving program was \$4,481,000.

Michigan Paving and Materials Company was the apparent low bidder of \$3,654,992. That is a bid **savings of \$826,008.**

Other bids were taken recently for primary road and bridge work with federal and state aid.

The following projects are full width resurfacing with a 3 foot paved shoulder on each side of the road.

Byron Road: 64th Avenue to 48th Avenue
\$850,000 Estimate
\$615,683 Bid

Bauer Road: 56th Avenue to 24th Avenue
\$1,600,000 Estimate
\$1,250,153 Bid

The following project is for rubblizing the existing concrete surface and followed by resurfacing.

Apple Drive: Muskegon County to 144th Avenue
\$385,000 Estimate
\$282,338 Bid

The following project is for removal of portions of the bridge and superstructure replacement.

8th Avenue Bridge: Over Lau Bach Drain north of Hayes Street
\$415,400 Estimate
\$264,069 Bid

Contract Crack Sealing

Water is the most destructive element to a county road system.

If it rained and snowed everywhere but on county roads and bridges, 90% of the road work would be eliminated.

Since this is not likely to happen, maintenance processes, like crack sealing, have been performed on the county roads for the past few years.

Crack sealing helps prevent water from entering the road base

and subbase, and will extend the pavement life.

The Road Commission started a crack sealing program in 2006 by performing the work with 2 crews each summer.

Recognizing the benefit of crack sealing, the Road Commission has contracted some of the work to supplement a lot of the need.

This year, Scodeller Construction was awarded nearly 150 miles of crack sealing work on several primary, local, and

subdivision streets throughout all 17 Townships in Ottawa, County.

In less than a month, Scodeller Construction completed the entire contract.

Show below is a photo of the contractor performing the crack sealing work.



Skip Paving Program

For the past few years, the Road Commission has implemented a skip paving program where a single layer of asphalt is placed over a deteriorated or problem area of a paved roadway.

The idea for the skip paving program is that Road Commission maintenance crews could overlay those small segments of roadways with asphalt (usually only

a couple hundred feet in length) to keep the pavement in a more consistent condition until a permanent improvement can be implemented.

This spring, the Road Commission upgraded from a driveway type paver and purchased a used Leeboy commercial paver to utilize in the skip paving operation.

The paving crew started

the skip paving program in Chester Township as shown on Coolidge Street in the photo below.



Shown above is a photo of the Road Commission paving crew in Chester Township.

Safe Roads for Everyone

The Road Commission is committed to improving traffic safety on county roadways, and continues to develop strategies and guidelines that will assist in reducing crashes throughout the county.

In 2008, the following guidelines for sign upgrades at an intersection due to non-compliance of STOP condition were adopted.

1. Upgrade 30" Stop sign with 36" Stop sign.
2. Install right side 36" Stop Ahead sign.
3. Install reflective panels on Stop sign posts.
4. Install reflective panels on Stop Ahead sign posts.
5. Install left side 36" Stop sign with reflective panels.
6. Install left side 36" Stop Ahead sign with reflective panels.
7. Install Flashing Beacon(s).

The Road Commission uses engineering judgment when determining what steps (if any) should be followed based on a review of conditions at the intersection and patterns of accident types.



Shown above is a reflective panel installed on a stop sign post.

Mechanic Hired

The Road Commission recently hired Dan Karle to fill a mechanic vacancy at the North Holland garage.

His duties will primarily include servicing trucks and other equipment used for all types of

maintenance operations.

Dan is a Grand Haven resident who brings more than ten years experience in over the road trucking and service maintenance.

Please welcome Dan to the Road Commission.

