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Important Dates:

October 3
9:00am Board Meeting

October 17
9:00am Board Meeting

October 31
9:00am Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30am – 4:00pm

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2014 Budget

The Ottawa County Road Commission has adopted the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2014.

The budget was developed using the Road Commission's primary source of funding, the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF).

A 1% inflation factor was used with anticipated MTF revenues of \$16.5 million.

Other revenues include federal and state funding programs, Township contributions to local road improvements, permit fees, and salvage sales.

In addition, the Road Commission contracts with MDOT to maintain the state highway system within Ottawa County.

Information about the Road Commission annual budget and audit can be found on our website.

2014 Budget

Revenues

MTF	\$16,500,000
Federal/State Programs	\$5,000,000
MDOT Maintenance Contract	\$3,000,000
Township Contributions	\$4,000,000
Other Revenue	<u>\$280,000</u>
TOTAL	\$28,680,000

Expenditures

Primary Road Construction	\$5,500,000
Primary Road Maintenance	\$3,400,000
Local Road Construction	\$4,101,700
Local Road Maintenance	\$4,500,000
MDOT Maintenance	\$2,500,000
Operating Expenses	<u>\$8,678,300</u>
TOTAL	\$28,680,000

Shake Your Mailbox

The Road Commission encourages you to participate in the 5th Annual Shake Your Mailbox Day, October 19, 2013.

This is a good time to check your mailbox. The weather is conducive to shaking it out to see what repairs are needed. Doing it now will save many headaches as compared with waiting until winter.

A simple check:

If you can physically shake your mailbox and it "gives", even just a little, it

will give out when the snow and ice removal operations commence.

In addition to making sure your mailbox is strong enough to survive winter, clearing snow to the right (the approach side) of your driveway will help reduce the amount of snow deposited in your drive and against the mailbox post during winter maintenance operations.

Did you know:

• Flying snow makes it look like the snow plow trucks are traveling much faster than they are, but

the speed of travel ranges from 15-35 mph. Even at these speeds, the force of the snow being pushed off the road can damage mailboxes and other roadside objects.

• The mailbox damage policy for the Road Commission allows the property owner to receive a new standard mailbox from one of our facilities.

Please contact the Road Commission office or visit our website at www.ottawacorc.com for details.

Bridge Ribbon Cutting



The photo shown above is from the “ribbon cutting” ceremony to open the West Spring Lake Road bridge.

The bridge improvement project along West Spring Lake Road that travels over Jerusalem Bayou (also known as Cornelius Bayou) in Spring Lake Township was recently completed.

This was a dual project completed in collaboration with Spring Lake Township and both general contractors.

The bridge work included

new beams and concrete deck, construction of an 8 foot wide sidewalk, and installation of bridge railing and guardrail.

Anlaan Corporation constructed the bridge improvements at a low bid of \$1,347,138 with 95% of the cost being funded by the State local bridge program.

The non-motorized work included the construction

of an 8 foot wide path from the new sidewalk on the bridge to the existing non-motorized facilities located to the north and south.

Triangle Excavators constructed the path at a low bid of \$318,585 with \$139,342 of the cost being funded by a State enhancement grant.

Safe Roads for Everyone

Fall has arrived and it's time to ask the annual question: What do I do with all these leaves?

Unfortunately, the Road Commission does not provide a leaf or yard debris pick up service. Residents should use a local refuse service, or if available, a Township drop off site to dispose of leaves.

It is important to keep

leaves out of ditches and storm drains to prevent flooding and protect the water quality in local streams and lakes in Ottawa County.

Residents are reminded not to pile leaves in the street. Leaves piled in the street can be hazardous to both motorists and bicycles. Remember, property owners are responsible and bear the liability for leaves that are

placed improperly in the street, or cause safety or flooding hazards.

It is also suggested to keep sidewalks and paths clear of leaves and other seasonal debris that can cause slipping or tripping hazards.

For more information concerning leaf disposal options, please contact your local refuse service or Township.



Shown above is a photo of the recently completed West Spring Lake Road Bridge and Non-Motorized Path improvements.

Fall Construction

Road improvement projects will continue on into the fall season.

Some of the notable projects include:

44th Street from 8th Avenue to Kenowa Avenue will include full

width milling and bituminous resurfacing.

Intersection improvements to **68th Avenue** and **Pierce Street** include the construction of north and south bound center left turn lanes.

Intersection improvements to **96th Avenue** and **Riley Street** include dedicated right turn lanes in all directions.

The construction of a right turn lane for west bound **Riley Street** at **Butternut Drive**.