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Important Dates:

October 2
9:00am Board Meeting

October 16
9:00am Board Meeting

October 30
9:00am Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday

7:30am – 4:00pm

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2015 Budget

The Ottawa County Road Commission has adopted the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2015.

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 \$16.9 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.

2015 Budget

Revenues

MTF	\$16,900,000
State General Fund Allocation	\$1,550,000
Federal/State Programs	\$5,000,000
MDOT Maintenance Contract	\$3,000,000
Township Contributions	\$4,000,000
Other Revenue	\$280,000
TOTAL	\$30,730,000

Expenditures

Primary Road Construction	\$5,500,000
Primary Road Maintenance	\$3,400,000
Local Road Construction	\$4,200,000
Local Road Maintenance	\$4,500,000
MDOT Maintenance	\$2,500,000
Operating Expenses	\$10,630,000
TOTAL	\$30,730,000

Are Road Millage Questions Driving You Wild?

The county wide road millage proposal on the November ballot could impact the roads Ottawa County residents drive on.

The Road Commission encourages residents to be informed before casting their vote. Road Commission officials are available to answer questions regarding the proposed county wide road millage. Please contact our office with any questions you may have.

County Wide Road Millage Facts!

The county wide road

millage proposal is for a ½ mil for ten years. It is estimated that over 5 million dollars would be generated each year.

The proposed ½ mil equates to a property owner cost of \$25 annually per \$50,000 of taxable value (or \$100,000 of market value.)

The proposed road millage funds will ONLY be spent on the reconstruction, resurfacing, and preventative maintenance of roads in Ottawa County.

And 100% of the millage revenues generated within a Township over the millage period will be utilized on roads within the Township.

Road millage funded projects will be selected by the Road Commission utilizing the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) process with a focus on primary roads and input from local government officials and the public.

A list of road millage funded projects will be published annually by the Road Commission.

Leonard Street Culvert Replaced



The picture above shows a box culvert installation along Leonard Street in Polkton Township.

Recently, Leonard Street just west of 68th Avenue was closed to replace a drainage crossing at Eastman Creek.

The existing culvert had reached its service life. And for motorists, that was apparent due to the many asphalt patches in the road above the crossing.

The Road Commission's Coopersville Garage undertook this project that

involved removing the existing culvert and installing a new 48 foot long, 11 foot wide by 6 foot rise concrete box culvert.

Three flatbed semi-trucks were needed to deliver the 6 pieces of 8 foot long sections of box culvert purchased from Northern Concrete Pipe Company. Each 8 foot section of culvert weighed 22 tons.

The photo to the right shows the first section of

the box culvert being placed on the installed bedding material.



The final cost of the box culvert installation has not been tabulated yet, but it was budgeted at \$80,000.

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.



The above photo shows the existing Luce Street Bridge over Sand Creek.

Luce Street Bridge

Through the MDOT Local Bridge Program, 95% construction cost funding was obtained to remove and replace the Luce Street Bridge over Sand Creek in Tallmadge Township.

Currently, the Luce Street Bridge is restricted for

Gross Vehicle Weight and is posted at 13 tons.

Milbocker and Sons, Inc. was the as-read low bidder, with a total bid of \$1,115,296.

Work will include the removal of the complete bridge structure and

replacement of a new structure that includes pre-stressed concrete beams, hot mix asphalt surfacing, guardrail, and pavement markings.

Construction is anticipated to start sometime in March, with completion in July.