

County Administrator's Digest

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PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Personal Property Tax reform has taken a different twist this week. There was general awareness of two main provisions including exempting property from the personal property tax valued at \$40,000 and less and the phase out of the tax on industrial property. The true meaning of another provision has come to light this week. The state would only reimburse personal property tax revenue in excess of 2% of the "governmental fund" total. It was previously believed that local governments would be reimbursed 98% of personal property tax revenue loss. The best definition of "governmental fund" that we have at this point is the following: Term used in governmental accounting to apply to all funds except for the profit and loss funds (e.g. enterprise fund, internal service fund, and trust and agency fund). Examples of governmental funds are the general fund, special assessment fund, and capital projects fund. Governmental funds use the modified accrual accounting method. Other examples include debt funds, special revenue funds, permanent trust funds and the budget stabilization fund. A total of 36 of the County's 57 funds, or \$144,535,346 out of the total funds budget of \$225,295,280 would county as governmental funds. I've attached a list of the total included funds. Thus, 2% of \$144,535,346 is \$2,890,706.92. If the state only reimburses personal property tax losses in excess of 2% of governmental fund totals, in the case of Ottawa County \$2,890,706.92, Ottawa County would lose its personal property tax revenue, which is approximately \$2.7 million in the General Fund alone.

Exempting those \$40,000 in value and less from the personal property tax would have a lesser impact on the County as shown in the attached table provided by Equalization Director Michael Galligan.

The attached estimates are figured using 2012 Taxable figures. The actual estimate for future years would be harder to determine at this point. The Kent County assumption of a 75% reduction in Industrial taxable value for 2016 is used though this is still being verified and fine-tuned for Ottawa.

From the County perspective we need to work hard to eliminate the 2% provision and still seek full funding for any replacement for personal property tax.

<http://www.michigantownships.org/capcurrent.asp>

	GF Taxes	E911	Parks	Total Taxes
<i>2013 estimated Lost Revenue from \$ under 40,000 Exemption</i>	(\$167,746)	(\$20,503)	(\$14,747)	(\$202,996)
<i>2016 estimated loss from start of Industrial PP Exemption</i>	(\$791,579)	(\$96,749)	(\$69,593)	(\$957,921)
<i>2022 estimated loss from start of Industrial PP Exemption</i>	(\$1,223,185)	(\$149,502)	(\$107,538)	(\$1,480,225)



STRATEGIC AND 2012 BUSINESS PLAN

The Ottawa County Board of Commissioners approved the Strategic and 2012 Business Plan at a regular scheduled meeting on April 24, 2012. You can view the approved plan by following this link http://www.miottawa.org/CoGov/BOC/pdf/2012_Strategic_Plan.pdf.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP TOWER (Paul Sachs)

On Tuesday, April 17, the County's new Robinson Township Tower was erected (See images below). The 199 foot tower is situated on the County's Johnson Street Forest property which is located west of 120th Ave. The tower is being constructed as part of the County's continuing effort to expand high-speed wireless broadband access to underserved residents. The tower is strategically located in one of three remaining underserved areas of the County and near MDOT's new M-231 Bypass.

Two national wireless carriers have agreed to co-locate their broadband equipment at this site. The two carriers are AT&T and Verizon Wireless. AT&T expects to have their broadband service available to residents by mid-May. Verizon expects to have its wireless service available later in the year. The Planning and Performance Improvement Department is pursuing other wireless carriers for this site in order to provide residents with even more options for high-speed broadband service. The 199 foot tower has the capacity for up to four separate providers.



"THE CITIZENS' LAW SCHOOL" PRESS RELEASE (Kevin Bowling)

The Legal Self-Help Center Celebrates Law Day by Providing Education on Diverse Legal Topics...please [click here](#) to continue reading the Press Release.

LAND BANK AUTHORITY SEEKS NEW BOARD MEMBER (Bradley Slagh, County Treasurer)

Ryan Cotton who helped to provide guidance as a representative of the Cities in laying out the design, functions and founding documents for the fledgling Ottawa County Land Bank Authority (LBA) has submitted his resignation from the board position he currently holds. This resignation comes after his recent selection to be

the Manager for Holland City, who already has a representative in a Land Bank Authority board position.

The LBA has nine board members; two represent cities, two represent townships, one county commissioner, a representative of the county administrator's office, a representative from one of the economic development offices in the county, one citizen, and the county treasurer. The seat that Mr. Cotton is leaving will need to be filled by someone representing the cities within the County, can be applied for on-line at the County web site www.miottawa.org, with the applicant being chosen and appointed by the County Board.

The LBA currently holds only two pieces of property; both were a part of the former Boeve Oil Company in Holland. Significant clean up and environmental testing (approximately \$80,000) has been completed on these properties to enable them to be put back into productive use without the new owner being concerned of prior environmental contamination.

The LBA is designed to acquire, hold, improve and then return property to the tax rolls. It cannot levy a millage but receives funding through donations or the sale of property it acquires. The current focus is to sell the two parcels to provide some funding which will enable processing of other properties within the county.

DELINQUENT TAX PAYMENTS – FALL FOR THIRD YEAR IN SUCCESSION (Bradley Slagh, County Treasurer)

The annual settlement of local government tax rolls with the county, and the resulting payment to each government, school district and special assessment district for the delinquent real property taxes has been completed for 2011 taxes. As a result, checks worth a total of \$10,240,218.29 for 5,396 properties were mailed out in the middle of April. Even though this dollar amount seems very large, the good news is that for the third year in a row the volume of delinquent properties and associated dollar amounts have continued to decrease. In 2009, the 2008 delinquent tax properties in Ottawa County reached a high of 7,493 and a total paid out to local governments of over \$14.9 million. The economy appears to be steadily improving so that more people are better able to make their payments on a timely basis and protect their properties.

State law sets the payment of property taxes to be collected by the local government until March 1. After that time, the County Treasurer must "purchase" any unpaid (delinquent) taxes from each local government by paying the entire taxes owed so that the schools, local governments and everyone else can keep operating. This means that the collection of those delinquent taxes then becomes the responsibility of the Ottawa County Treasurer. Full payment by property owners does not happen for months or even two years in some cases, but if payment does not happen, the property is foreclosed on for taxes owed.

The funding to make this large group of payments annually is done through the success of the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) established by the Ottawa County Commissioners and administered by County Treasurer. In Ottawa County the County Board of Commissioners had the foresight to establish the fund and then maintain a sustainable balance in the DTRF, so that when the Treasurer collects the delinquent taxes annually it replenishes the funds making it unnecessary to borrow to make the delinquent tax purchases.

QUARTERLY MEETING BETWEEN OTTAWA COUNTY AND OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION (Keith Van Beek)

Members of the Board of Commissioners and Road Commission continued their tradition of meeting quarterly on Wednesday, April 25 to share and discuss items of interest. Following is a recap on the subjects of discussion

and handouts ([click here](#) to view handouts) that were made available at the meeting.

1 - Traffic Signals in Holland Area ... Managing Director Brett Laughlin will investigate the timing of traffic signals along the US-31 corridor in Holland, as there was the suggestion that the lights may no longer be correctly synchronized after a project last year that greatly improved the flow of traffic in the area. It was noted that MDOT is responsible for the lights on US-31.

2 - Parcel in Georgetown Township in Tax Foreclosure ... there is a small parcel in Georgetown Township that is currently in the tax foreclosure process that may have value for the road commission in relation to right-of-way needs in the future. County staff will be in touch with the road commission about the process to obtain that parcel.

3 - Project Updates ... MDOT was not present at the meeting as things continue to move forward as planned with the US-231 bypass project. Significant work is ongoing with road connections/intersections on the north side of the Grand River, while other portions of the project including bridge construction will be put out to bid later this Fall. The project is still targeted for completion in 2014 or 2015.

4 - Organization Tax ID # ... The County is implementing a new financial/ERP computer system that has included the examination of work-flow processes in many areas including payroll processing. It has been suggested that the Road Commission may need to obtain their own Federal Tax ID # for payroll/IRS purposes. County staff will be contacting staff at the road commission to further discuss and investigate this matter.

5 - Process and Timing for Examination of Road Commission Structure ... The group discussed the recent legislation that was passed that would allow for the County Board to abolish the Road Commission and transfer the duties to the Board of Commissioners. In line with the joint press release from both the County and Road Commission when the legislation passed, both entities want to pursue a thorough and thoughtful review of the matter before any decisions would be made regarding the matter. The group discussed possibilities for a public committee that would be jointly appointed and the amount of time that might be reasonable to conduct the work. Each entity will further examine before adopting a resolution that establishes the specifics for the process.

6 - Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) ... Managing Director Brett Laughlin distributed and reviewed the attached spreadsheet showing the funding from the MTF so far this year in comparison to prior years.

7 - Winter Maintenance Report and Budgets ... Managing Director Brett Laughlin distributed and reviewed the attached spreadsheets depicting overtime utilized and salt purchases in relation to the winter maintenance season. The results of the mild weather is that approximately \$1 million was saved in the budget which can now be used to implement more road improvement projects.

8 - 2012 Programs ... Managing Director Brett Laughlin distributed and reviewed the attached report depicting programming for primary roads, bridges, local roads, local township programming, drainage and gravel programming in 2012. The report depicts which projects are slated for 2012, with the available funding for each. Many of these projects were added because of the winter maintenance savings.

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION NEWSLETTER

[Click here](#) for the latest Ottawa County Road Commission Newsletter.

GVMC DIRECTOR WEISS UPDATE

[Click here](#) to read the latest weekly update from GVMC Executive Director John Weiss.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE LEGAL SELF-HELP CENTER CELEBRATES LAW DAY BY PROVIDING EDUCATION ON DIVERSE LEGAL TOPICS

**Statewide Professionals Converge for “The Citizens’ Law School”;
A Series of Free to Attend Legal Seminars**

The Legal Self-Help Center invites the public to attend one or all of the seminars in a series the week of April 30 – May 4, 2012. Now in its second year, “The Citizens’ Law School” celebrates Law Day (May 1) by providing education and discussion on many relevant legal topics including Medical Marijuana, Veterans’ Administration Benefits, Animal Law, Bankruptcy, Tribal Law and many more. All seminars will take place at the Ottawa County Courthouse, 414 Washington, Grand Haven, MI and are free to the public. Prior registration is not required, but seating is limited.

“This program allows the Legal Self-Help Center to show people a different side of the court and make the court system less of a scary place,” Sheri Szymczyk, Legal Self-Help Center Coordinator said. “The Citizens’ Law School was created to educate the citizens of Ottawa County and provide information on relevant legal topic areas — many of which we have seen recently on the evening news.”

The Citizens’ Law School was enhanced this year to include a more diverse group of presenters from across the state, including Judges, attorneys, law professors and service practitioners.

“I am excited because we have several alternative topics this year, many of which aren’t generally issues that people come in seeking our help with,” Szymczyk said. “We are able to provide limited assistance with issues such as bankruptcy, but being able to hear the perspective of a federal judge on the topic is really a unique experience for our patrons.”

The Legal Self-Help Center, a strategic planning initiative of the 20th Judicial Circuit Court and Probate Courts, was established to assist patrons who wish to resolve a variety of non-criminal matters without the assistance of a lawyer. Staff cannot represent patrons in court nor give legal advice, however they can provide patrons information and legal resources that may allow them to adequately represent themselves. A hub for information, the Legal Self-Help Center contains an assortment of forms and packets, as well as information about the many public resources available in Ottawa County. Opening its doors in January of 2010, the Center has assisted more than 7,100 patrons.

The Legal Self-Help Center is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Marion A. and Ruth K. Sherwood Family Fund, the Families in Crisis Fund, and the Zenko Family Fund of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation, a grant from the JSJ Corporation, a grant from the

Coopersville Area Community Foundation and the continued support from the 20th Judicial Circuit Court, 58th District Court, Probate Court and Ottawa County.

For more information, including the complete seminar schedule and presenter biographies, please visit the Legal Self-Help Center online at <http://www.miottawa.org/CourtsLE/Legal> or find us on Facebook. Or, you may contact Sheri Szymczyk at 616-846-8728 or via E-mail at SSzymczyk@miottawa.org.

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For more information, or for an interview, please contact Sheri Szymczyk at 616-846-8728 or via email at SSzymczyk@miottawa.org. Complete presenter biographies and seminar scheduled is attached.

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION									
MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION FUND									
Collection Month	FY 2012	FY 2011	FY 2010	FY 2009	FY 2008	FY 2007	FY 2006	FY 2005	
		% to Budget							
OCT	\$ 1,135,058.69	7.2%	\$ 1,110,608.74	\$ 1,101,877.41	\$ 1,056,506.64	\$ 1,157,876.42	\$ 1,089,400.52	\$ 1,135,012.12	
NOV	\$ 1,296,453.11	15.4%	\$ 1,224,739.70	\$ 1,170,995.63	\$ 1,284,628.25	\$ 1,226,463.41	\$ 1,242,086.59	\$ 1,291,118.21	
DEC	\$ 1,294,421.68	23.6%	\$ 1,217,275.64	\$ 1,217,191.40	\$ 1,219,730.30	\$ 1,247,775.49	\$ 1,303,712.88	\$ 1,310,911.72	
JAN	\$ 1,463,803.74	32.9%	\$ 1,349,161.97	\$ 1,397,024.11	\$ 1,429,842.55	\$ 1,513,479.07	\$ 1,493,230.17	\$ 1,487,774.93	
FEB	\$ 1,711,410.05	43.7%	\$ 1,524,536.46	\$ 1,646,908.95	\$ 1,664,877.33	\$ 1,593,835.52	\$ 1,621,230.74	\$ 1,595,269.23	
MAR	\$ -		\$ 1,255,730.70	\$ 1,252,367.70	\$ 1,232,920.23	\$ 1,369,649.19	\$ 1,412,461.23	\$ 1,462,668.40	
APR	\$ -		\$ 1,481,191.55	\$ 1,332,207.91	\$ 1,344,163.42	\$ 1,362,889.26	\$ 1,299,538.14	\$ 1,314,732.27	
MAY	\$ -		\$ 1,267,339.39	\$ 1,244,339.70	\$ 1,354,173.70	\$ 1,337,466.27	\$ 1,351,253.20	\$ 1,264,618.44	
JUN	\$ -		\$ 1,363,724.59	\$ 1,349,130.73	\$ 1,330,385.20	\$ 1,369,191.60	\$ 1,379,227.68	\$ 1,428,066.92	
JUL	\$ -		\$ 1,153,529.16	\$ 1,145,669.22	\$ 1,138,337.09	\$ 1,237,181.40	\$ 1,188,865.56	\$ 1,183,993.64	
AUG	\$ -		\$ 1,353,872.73	\$ 1,289,815.83	\$ 1,289,432.21	\$ 1,323,817.72	\$ 1,334,881.27	\$ 1,404,101.50	
SEP	\$ -		\$ 1,468,577.26	\$ 1,297,715.95	\$ 1,457,757.26	\$ 1,487,153.13	\$ 1,368,601.83	\$ 1,327,047.72	
YTD	\$ 6,901,147.27		\$ 6,426,322.51	\$ 6,533,997.50	\$ 6,655,585.07	\$ 6,739,429.91	\$ 6,749,660.90	\$ 6,820,086.21	
BUDGET	\$ 15,800,000.00		\$ 15,640,822.10	\$ 15,445,244.64	\$ 15,802,754.18	\$ 16,226,778.48	\$ 16,084,489.81	\$ 16,205,315.10	

OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
WINTER OVERTIME HOURS ANALYSIS
 10/17/2011 Thru 3/04/2012

Pay Period No. Ending Date	Current Year		Prior Years Overtime Hours																								
	Overtime Earnings	Overtime Hours	2010/11	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	2006/07	2005/06	2004/05	2003/04	2002/03	2001/02	2000/01	1999/00	1998/99	1997/98	1996/97	1995/96	1994/95	1993/94	1992/93	1991/92	1990/91	1989/90	1988/89	1987/88	
1 10/30/11	4,170.41	122.75	284	257	126	70	248	156	193	90	198	201	242	339	502	461	1,452	1,585	203	199	693	703	100	1,342	183	618	
2 11/13/11	3,702.33	108.75	95	120	93	88	226	525	137	303	432	463	2,382	371	374	461	1,048	983	357	468	965	2,439	498	512	1,059	406	
3 11/27/11	10,479.91	328.75	346	317	684	963	812	3,625	1,506	739	1,754	237	1,848	214	237	1,010	719	2,701	768	214	673	1,514	526	3,358	1,814	828	
4 12/11/11	10,555.18	335.50	1,530	1,554	3,022	1,952	1,188	3,576	854	1,242	961	377	6,158	1,984	790	1,087	2,633	1,872	711	2,699	1,839	382	1,986	2,748	1,076	1,578	
5 12/25/11	16,048.06	511.00	481	1,915	3,977	1,078	297	838	1,472	821	730	5,570	2,851	1,287	5,967	1,941	3,004	486	2,538	3,908	1,488	1,643	1,270	1,319	528	1,448	
6 01/08/12	31,974.17	1,000.50	1,269	1,636	1,966	1,333	550	282	1,382	3,157	3,595	935	470	2,285	2,177	2,234	4,784	2,119	1,862	3,901	617	1,062	866	678	368	2,503	
7 01/22/12	69,985.69	2,286.00	3,104	274	2,511	3,182	1,515	738	2,981	4,248	3,327	1,048	2,351	2,227	670	327	842	2,100	2,431	3,327	676	1,084	1,168	902	1,270	1,771	
8 02/05/12	35,863.68	1,151.50	1,830	892	952	3,220	3,579	741	380	2,021	3,685	732	1,963	2,375	720	175	2,732	1,147	1,109	2,070	2,258	261	476	2,010	1,773	291	
9 02/19/12	27,037.58	867.50	1,182	786	1,657	2,366	1,932	1,388	1,725	899	687	2,809	848	255	1,464	204	318	2,682	1,017	336	539	414	256	314	937	521	
10 03/04/12	33,397.96	1,072.00	1,823	1,205	384	1,090	2,899	541	2,406	513	1,851	1,582	793	261	722	2,394	697	252	222	219	517	987	272	298	307	225	
Year To-Date Totals:	243,194.97	7,755.25																									

Prior Years Total O.T. Hrs:	11,944	8,953	15,369	15,342	13,045	12,407	13,054	14,032	17,219	13,925	19,906	11,578	13,623	10,294	18,229	15,927	11,218	17,341	10,275	10,489	7,238	13,481	9,315	10,189
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OTTAWA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION 2012 Primary Road Program

Primary Road	Project Limits	Township	Bid Date	Miles	Estimate	Engineering	STP	OCRC	Comments	
459-472	Byron Road 64th Avenue to 48th Avenue Resurface 24' + 3' Paved Shoulder	Zeeland	May	2.00	\$850,000	\$42,500	\$625,000	\$267,500	GI 2/21	
459-473	Apple Drive County Line to 144th Avenue Rubblize and Resurface 24'	Spring Lake	June	0.70	\$385,000	\$25,000	\$200,000	\$210,000	GI 3/2	
459-474	Bauer Road 56th Avenue to 24th Avenue Resurface 24' + 3' Paved Shoulder	Blendon/Georgetown	June	4.00	\$1,600,000	\$80,000	\$866,176	\$813,824	GI 3/2	
459-475	136th Avenue Butternut Drive to Riley Street Resurface 55' + Watermain Impr.	Holland	April	1.30	\$2,017,005	\$0	\$502,000	\$125,500	HCT - \$1,800,000 Advance Construct - 2014	
459-476	96th Avenue Van Buren Street to Polk Street Resurface 24' + 3' Paved Shoulder	Olive	June	3.00	\$1,359,000	\$67,950	\$0	\$1,426,950	Item 1	
459-486	80th Avenue Cleveland Street to Wilson Street Resurface Existing	Polkton	August	3.00	\$380,000	\$20,000	\$300,000	\$100,000		
	112th/Cleveland/ Apple Intersection Reconst. Realign Intersection	Crockery		0.10				\$150,000		
ROW & Other								\$300,000		
				Total	14.10	\$6,591,005	\$235,450	\$2,493,176	\$3,393,774	\$3,408,774 - 2012 Budget \$100,000 - 2011/2012 WM Savings

2012 Bridge Program

Primary Road	Project Limits	Township	Bid Date	Miles	Estimate	Engineering	STP	OCRC	Comments	
452-250	8th Avenue over Lau Bach Drain Rehabilitate	Wright	June	0.10	\$415,400	\$75,000	\$394,630	\$95,770	GI Package Sent	
482-202	West Spring Lake Road over Cornelius Bayou Rehabilitate + 8' Sidewalk	Spring Lake	October	0.10	\$2,238,000	\$150,000	\$2,116,800	\$271,200	GI 4/24	
				Total	0.20	\$2,653,400	\$225,000	\$2,511,430	\$366,970	\$229,500 - 2012 Budget

2012 Local Road Programs

Location	Project Limits	Township	Bid Date	Miles	Estimate	Engineering	TWN	OCRC	Comments	
Local Paved	M-45 south 1/2 mile Resurface Existing	Allendale		0.50	\$115,000	\$5,750		\$120,750		
Local Paved	1/2 mile south of M-45 to Fillmore Resurface Existing	Allendale		1.50	\$345,000	\$17,250		\$362,250		
Local Paved	Quincy Street south 1/2 mile Resurface to 24' wide	Zeeland		0.50	\$235,000	\$15,000	\$125,000	\$125,000	1/2 paid by Zeeland Township	
Local Paved	Riley Street to Quincy Street Resurface Existing	Holland		1.00	\$180,414	\$10,000	\$190,414	\$0		
Local Paved	Pineoak Drive to Riley Street Resurface Existing	Holland		0.40	\$77,323	\$5,000	\$82,323	\$0		
Local Paved	Black Creek Bridge to Quincy St	Holland		0.79	\$116,512	\$8,000	\$124,512	\$0		
Cape/Micro	M-104 to Fruitport Road Micro to State then Cape to Fruitport	SL/Crockery		2.55	\$125,000	\$5,000		\$130,000		
Cape Seal	OBR to Riley Street Cape Seal w/Random Patching	Park/Holland		2.00	\$120,000	\$5,000		\$125,000		
Cape Seal	M-121 to Baldwin Street Cape Seal w/Random Patching	Georgetown		1.34	\$100,000	\$5,000		\$105,000		
Cape Seal	New Holland to Port Sheldon Cape Seal w/Random Patching	PS/Olive		2.00	\$120,000	\$5,000		\$125,000		
Micro	24th Avenue to 8th Avenue Micro Surfacing	Chester		2.00	\$90,000	\$5,000		\$95,000		
Seal Coat	Contract Item	Various Townships			\$144,731	\$7,500		\$152,231	2011 Program Carryover	
Seal Coat	Contract Item	Various Townships		22.74	\$662,490	\$22,740	\$58,800	\$626,430	MCR to do work	
Crack Seal	Contract Item - Primary/Local	Various Townships		139.12	\$500,415	\$20,000	\$231,000	\$289,415		
Crack Seal	OCRC Crews	Various Townships		40.00	\$230,000	\$8,400		\$238,400		
Total							\$144,640	\$812,049	\$2,494,476	\$1,436,026 - 2012 Budget \$662,500 - 2011/2012 WM Savings \$152,231 - 2011 Carryover

2012 Local Township Programs

Location		Project Limits		Township	Start Date	Miles	Estimate	Engineering	TWN	OCRC	Comments			
Recon. 481-5243	90th Avenue	Leonard Street south 4400 feet Reconstruct	Polkton	2011	0.83	\$130,000	\$5,000	\$135,000			Pave in 2012 Gravel Grade Complete			
Recon. 481-5246	48th Avenue	Ottogan Street to Adams Street Reconstruct	Jamestown	2011	1.00	\$200,000	\$5,000	\$205,000			Pave in 2012 Gravel Grade Complete			
Recon. 481-5205	72nd Avenue	Perry Street to Byron Roac Reconstruct	Zeeland	2011	1.00	\$185,000	\$5,000	\$190,000			Pave in 2012 Gravel Grade Complete			
Recon. 481-	Quincy Street	56th Avenue to approx. 3000' east Reconstruct	Zeeland		0.57	\$400,160	\$20,000	\$420,160			Pave in 2013			
Recon. 481-	88th Avenue	Port Sheldon to Tyler St Reconstruct	Blendon		1.00	\$470,000	\$35,000	\$505,000						
Recon. 481-	28th Avenue	Adams Street to Perry Street Reconstruct	Jamestown		1.00	\$805,000	\$45,000	\$850,000						
Recon. 481-	12th Avenue	Quincy Street north Reconstruct	Jamestown		0.25	\$160,000	\$15,000	\$175,000						
	88th Avenue	Riley Street north 1/2 mile Reconstruct	Zeeland		0.50	\$870,000		\$174,000			EDDF Funds - \$696k Gentex Improvements			
Resurf.	Allendale Township	Subdivision	Zeeland		1.54	\$286,384		\$286,384						
	Blendon Township	Subdivision	Blendon		0.76	\$127,563		\$127,563						
	Georgetown Township	Subdivision	Georgetown		4.91	\$886,127		\$886,127						
	Grand Haven Township	Subdivision	Grand Haven		4.41	\$581,213		\$581,213						
	Holland Township	Subdivision	Holland		4.78	\$705,138		\$705,138						
	Zeeland Township	Subdivision	Zeeland		0.24	\$42,114		\$42,114						
Fiber & Black Mat	Spring Lake Township	Subdivision	Spring Lake											
	Park Township	Subdivision	Park											
Sidewalk	Quincy Street	Non-Motorized	Holland		0.50	\$203,400		\$29,600			CMAQ Project - \$173,800			
	112th Ave to Jim Kaat BP													
Total										23.29	\$6,052,098	\$130,000	\$5,312,298	\$0

2012 Drainage Program

Location	Project Limits	Township	Work	Estimate	Engineering	OCRC	Comments
State Road	1440 feet East of 130th Avenue	Spring Lake	Replace with 14'x6' Box Culvert	\$110,000	\$5,500	\$115,500	
Bauer Road	2000 feet West of 48th Avenue	Blendon	Replace with 60" Concrete Pipe	\$30,000	\$1,500	\$31,500	
96th Avenue	800 feet north of Quincy Street	Zeeland	Replace with 18' x 11' Plate Arch	\$57,000	\$7,000	\$64,000	Complete
32nd Avenue	2640 feet north of Cleveland St	Wright	Replace with 73"x55" Alum. CMP	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	Complete
Tyler Street	1/3 mile east of 80th Ave	Blendon	New 12" CMP	\$3,200	\$320	\$3,520	
88th Avenue	South of Stanton Street	Blendon	Replace w/12" CMP	\$3,200	\$320	\$3,520	
Baldwin Street	1/8 mile east of 88th Ave	Blendon	Extend or Replace w/ 15" CMP	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
Van Buren St	north of 108th Avenue	Olive	Extend or Replace w/ 15" CMP	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
80th Avenue	1/2 mile south of Tyler	Blendon	Extend or Replace w/ 15" CMP	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
80th Avenue	north of Polk Street	Blendon	Replace w/15" CMP	\$4,000	\$400	\$4,400	
Polk Street	east 80th Ave	Blendon	Replace w/18" CMP	\$4,000	\$400	\$4,400	
Riley Street	east of 56th Avenue	Blendon	Replace w/ 15" CMP	\$4,000	\$400	\$4,400	
Bagley Street	at West Olive Road	Olive	New 12" CMP	\$5,500	\$550	\$6,050	
112th Avenue	1/8 mile south of New Holland	Holland	Repair joints	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
112th Avenue	1/4 mile north of Ransom	Holland	Repair joints	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
Riley Street	1/3 mile west of 32nd Ave	Jamesstown	Replace w/36" CMP	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	
Riley Street	1/2 mile west of 40th Ave	Jamesstown	Replace w/18" CMP	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	
40th Avenue	north of Hayes Street	Wright	Extend 36" Concrete Pipe	\$3,500	\$350	\$3,850	
32nd Avenue	north of Johnson Street	Tallmadge	Extend 18" Concrete Pipe	\$3,200	\$320	\$3,520	
Taft Street	east of 1227 Taft	Crockery	Replace with 15" CMP	\$3,000	\$300	\$3,300	
Lincoln Street	between Basee and South Cedar	Robinson	Replace with 18" CMP	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$11,000	
56th Avenue	south of Warner	Allendale	Replace with 36" Concrete	\$12,000	\$1,200	\$13,200	
Gooding Street	east of 32nd Avenue	Chester	Replace with 36" Concrete	\$12,000	\$1,200	\$13,200	
Fillmore Street	east of 80th Avenue	Allendale	Replace with 24" Concrete	\$11,000	\$1,100	\$12,100	
Adams Street	east of 72nd Avenue	Zeeland	Replace with Alum. CMP	\$42,000	\$4,200	\$46,200	
64th Avenue	north and south of Byron Rd	Zeeland	Grout and Replace Exist 36" CMP	\$8,500	\$850	\$9,350	
Bend Drive	cul-de-sac outlet	Georgetown	Stabilize Outlet	\$10,500	\$1,050	\$11,550	
Total				\$381,600	\$32,460	\$414,060	\$247,000 2012 Budget
							\$190,600 - 2011/2012 WM Savings

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Important Dates:

May 3, 9:00am
Board Meeting

May 17, 9:00am
Board Meeting

May 31, 9:00am
Board Meeting

Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
7:30am – 4:00pm

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Winter Maintenance Savings

The 2011/2012 winter season has ended and the Road Commission is pleased to announce that the light winter has provided some savings from the budgeted winter maintenance figures.

The Road Commission maintains over 425 miles of primary road and 1254 miles of local roads. The budget for both primary road and local road winter maintenance is developed based on average historical costs.

The following summarizes

this past winter maintenance season savings:

Primary Road

Budget = \$1,200,000
Actual = \$ 800,000
Savings = **\$ 400,000**

Local Road

Budget = \$1,400,000
Actual = \$ 700,000
Savings = **\$ 700,000**

The total winter maintenance savings was **\$1,100,000**.

These savings will be utilized to improve several

county roads. Culvert replacements, re-graveling, bituminous resurfacing, and other surface treatments will be implemented.

The Road Commission is under contract by MDOT to maintain over 112 miles of the state highway system in Ottawa County.

The MDOT system winter maintenance budget was approximately \$1.3 million with a \$743 thousand actual cost. These savings are likely to be used for state highway repairs.

Pavement Markings

Pavement markings have important functions in providing guidance and information to drivers. In some cases they supplement regulations or warnings given by other devices. In other cases they are used alone and produce results that cannot be obtained by any other device.

Many materials can be used for pavement markings. The choice depends on cost, durability, retroreflectivity, pavement surface, and drying time.

The Road Commission primarily uses paint.

Paint Types

Water based paint is the most commonly used pavement marking. It is low cost with a short drying time.

Oil based paint is used when air and pavement temperatures are too low for water base paint.

Glass beads are placed during the painting process to provide reflectivity of the paint line for night driving.

However, wet pavement conditions will diminish the visibility of the paint lines.

Winter maintenance operations and high traffic volumes tend to reduce the pavement marking life.

Typically, primary road pavement markings are repainted every year (some twice) and local roads every other year.

The Road Commission contracts the painting of 700 to 750 miles of roads annually in addition to another 130 miles of city streets.

The Road to Completion



Shown above is the contractor My-Con installing a new aluminized culvert on 96th Avenue.

Road improvements sometimes take longer than people think they should, but that is simply due to all the complex steps involved in getting the project completed.

A construction project doesn't just occur because somebody thought it was a good idea. Often a lot of **planning** and background work has been done.

Once a construction project has been identified, the **funding** source has to be determined.

Preliminary **engineering** that includes survey and the design work is completed next. Some projects may also require an **environmental review** or **right-of-way acquisition**.

Depending on the size

and type of project, there may be a **public hearing** to solicit comments.

Once the construction plans are completed, a **plan review** session is held with the utility companies and local units of government.

The project is **bid** out, then a **preconstruction meeting** is held, and finally the contractor starts **construction**.

Safe Roads for Everyone

The poor condition of the culvert crossing at 96th Avenue 1800' north of Quincy Street came to the attention of the Road Commission in November 2011, when sink holes were observed in the shoulder of 96th Avenue.

Given the time of year, the Road Commission monitored this crossing throughout the winter to assure the safety of the travelling public, and

planned to replace the culvert when asphalt plants opened this spring.

My-Con was contracted to replace the existing dual 80' long 73x55" corrugated metal culverts with an 85' long 112x75" aluminized corrugated metal culvert.

The Road Commission obtained a permit from both Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

and the Ottawa County Drain Commissioner's office prior to replacing the crossing.

The project took less than two weeks to complete with a cost of \$58,670.



Shown above is Theresa VanLeeuwen the Road Commission office secretary and receptionist.

Face Behind the Voice

If you call or visit the Road Commission during normal office hours, you will be greeted by a friendly voice. That voice is Theresa VanLeeuwen, the office secretary and receptionist.

Serving on the "front line"

since she was hired in 1999, Theresa has played a vital role in making sure callers and visitors are directed to the appropriate departments of the Road Commission.

Outside of work, Theresa enjoys taking care of and

riding horses, camping, and spending time with her family and daughter.

For over 8 years, Theresa was also a reserve and mounted deputy for the Ottawa County Sheriff's department.



Rust holes in pipe bottom - 96th Ave n. of Quincy



April 28, 2012

GVMC Hosts Senators Jansen and Hildebrand For A Discussion on the Personal Property Tax

On April 23rd Senators Dave Hildebrand and Mark Jansen met the representative of GVMC including our Legislative Committee. This is the first time in GVMC history that two senators met at GVMC to discuss a very important emerging issue. We truly appreciate the Senators willingness to meet with us. Almost 30 local governmental representatives attended.

During the discussion, our members presented to the senators facts regarding repeal of the PPT and how it impacts their communities. In Grand Rapids, the loss could exceed \$1.6 million, for Kent County the loss could exceed \$4.7 million. For all communities, the higher their level of industrial tax base, the greater impact the loss will have on their budget. Another factor in the legislation is that companies with less than \$40,000 in taxable value will be exempt from the PPT. This \$40,000 threshold will eliminate 75% of the personal property taxpayers in our communities. The 8 bill package is before the Senate Finance Committee and is expected to be sent to the full Senate soon. Partial reimbursement will come from a new Treasury Dept. fund, but no formula or process has been developed for distributing the funds at this time.

GVMC On the Radio

Mayor Rob VerHeulen and I will be guests next week on Shelley Irwin's "Morning Show" on WGUV. The show will air on May 4 at 9:30 on 88.5 FM. Our topic will be governmental cooperation. We will focus on the future of GVMC, our goals and strategic initiatives and highlight a few of our cooperative efforts.

Don't Forget to Submit Your Elected Officials Survey

Last week Thursday all area elected officials should have received a brief survey by email or from the post office. The survey is being conducted by Dr. John Risley of the Johnson Center at Grand Valley State University. The purpose of the survey is to get a broad-based understanding of our collective opinions about governmental cooperation, collaboration and service sharing.

The results of the survey will be compared with an earlier survey of 500 areas residents. As soon as the results are submitted and the data analyzed, we will release the information to all respondents.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in completing your survey as soon as possible. If you did not receive a survey, you can contact Dr. Risley at risleyj@gvsu.edu

Michigan Transportation Team New Session Added Thursday May 3rd on 1:30

At the request of several members we have scheduled another session with the Michigan Transportation Team regarding future funding for our roads and bridges. The meeting will be on Thursday May 3rd at 1:30 at the GVMC office. The MTT will again present to our members information about the new financing proposals. Everyone is invited to attend.

The MTT is a state-wide partnership of businesses, associations, governments and private citizens. Some of the members include: MML, MTA, MAC, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Retailers Association, Michigan Manufacturers Association, GVMC, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Sheriff's Association, Southeast Michigan Council of Governments and many more. If you were unable to attend one of the earlier meetings, please feel free to join us.

RSVP to Gayle at mccrathg@gvmc.org

The Next Board Meeting is

Thursday, May 3rd,

8:30 am in the

Kent County

Commission Chambers