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FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

The 2003 Construction Season was very busy in our county. We had a near record year in asphalt paving with just over 160,000 tons being placed. Our major accomplishments for the year were:

- 25.95 miles of Primary Road Resurfaced using the millage and Federal Funds
- 41.04 miles of Local Road Paving either resurfacing or first time
- 8.78 miles of Local Road Construction completed or contracted
- 29.55 miles Primary Road Sealcoated (1.67 miles Local Roads Sealcoated)
- Two Local Roads Bridges Completed
 - 22nd Street in Otsego Township
 - 110th Avenue in Cheshire Township
- One Primary Road Bridge Completed
 - 46th Street in Cheshire Township
- New Richmond Bridge Restoration started
- Guardrail Replacement on 10th Street and 30th Street using Federal Safety Funds
- Four Tandem Trucks purchased

PRIMARY ROAD RESURFACING MEETINGS

The schedule has been set to meet with all of the townships in groups of four to plan which primary roads will be resurfaced in 2004 using the county millage. All of the meetings will be held at the Road Commission office at 7:00 p.m. and they are open to the public.

AREA NO. 6 – Watson, Martin, Otsego, & Gun Plain -
Tuesday, January 6, 2004

AREA NO. 5 – Valley, Allegan, Cheshire, & Trowbridge -
Thursday, January 8, 2004

AREA NO. 3 – Dorr, Leighton, Hopkins &

Wayland -
Tuesday, January 13, 2004

AREA NO. 4 – Ganges, Clyde, Casco, & Lee -
Thursday, January 15, 2004

AREA NO. 2 – Overisel, Salem, Heath & Monterey -
Tuesday, January 20, 2004

AREA NO. 1 – Laketown, Fillmore, Saugatuck & Manlius –
Thursday, January 22, 2004

46TH STREET BRIDGE OPEN

There is a new bridge on 46th Street over the Swan Creek between 106th Avenue and 107th Avenue in Cheshire Township. The old set of metal culverts there collapsed in 2001, and we were able to obtain emergency critical bridge funding to replace them with a new bridge. That project was just completed and reopened to traffic on Thursday, November 13, 2003, just before winter.

The new bridge cost \$221,816 with state and federal funds covering 95% of this cost. The local cost was paid by the Road Commission.

NEW RICHMOND BRIDGE

The restoration of the New Richmond Bridge project is underway. All of the old trusses have been removed and will be taken back to Allegan for restoration this winter by H&K Construction Co. They will continue work to replace the foundations this fall and next spring so that the rehabilitated trusses can be put back in place at that time. I wish to thank all of the people who donated funds to make this project happen.

WINTER OPERATION POLICY

Soon we will be into the winter season,

and everyone is reminded to drive with caution when roads are slippery, especially the first few snow events.

- (1) Normal operations are now scheduled between 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Early morning snow will cause crews to start at 5:30 AM when warranted, and to work later if needed.
- (2) Snow removal operations will begin on County Primary Roads as a first priority.
- (3) Each winter storm will be treated as an individual occurrence. Routine scraping and ice control will be done during regular hours.

Overtime operations will be authorized for the following:
 - A. In the event of excessive snowfall.
 - B. Unusual ice and/or wind conditions causing hazardous driving or impassable roads.
- (4) If weekend operations are necessary, first priority will normally be given to the Primary System.
- (5) Every effort within the physical and financial resources of the Road Commission shall be made to protect life and property.

2004 PROJECTS

Some of the known projects for 2004 are being planned using state and/or federal grants.

1. Resurfacing of 56th Street from 136th Avenue to 143rd Avenue will be performed in the spring using Federal Funds through the Macatawa Area Coordinating Council to cover 80% of the cost.
2. Total reconstruction and paving of 134th Avenue from 41st Street to 38th Street, and 38th Street from 134th Avenue to 136th Avenue will begin in the spring using State and Federal Funds provided to rural areas. This will complete

a Primary Road Connection completely across the county from Patterson Road to Blue Star highway using several sections of 136th Avenue, 135th Avenue, and 134th Avenue.

3. Four Local Road Bridges are approved to receive State and Federal Critical Bridge replacement funding:
 - A. 54th Street over the Brush Creek Drain between 104th Avenue and 105th Avenue is scheduled to have bids opened in January.
 - B. 120th Avenue over the Gun River between 2nd Street and Patterson Road should have bids opened in early spring.
 - C. 112th Avenue over Miner Creek between 20th Street and 22nd Street should have bids opened sometime this summer.
 - D. 23rd Street over the Red Run Drain between 142nd Avenue and 144th Avenue should be bid late summer or fall.
4. 142nd Avenue between Kalamazoo Drive and Patterson Road is having the final Environmental Assessment reviewed so that we can schedule a public hearing this winter as a final phase of its approval process. Following final approval, we can complete the right-of-way acquisition for the new mile between 2nd Street and Patterson Road and finally have bids received in late summer or fall.

