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MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM MANAGING DIRECTOR

How do we do *more*, with less?

This question has been asked by businesses for a long time and the Calhoun County Road Commission is no different. We are continually faced with the challenge of having to do more with less funding. The Michigan Transportation Fund, the funding source for all road commissions, has been steadily decreasing by a percentage point here or there for several years. With no increase in the gas tax since 1997, road commissions statewide are all facing the same challenges.

As a road commission, we have no ability to increase our funding and have limited ability to control our expenses. Mother nature sends us snow, freezing rain, fallen trees, continual freeze-thaw cycles that create numerous potholes, and other daily challenges that need to be responded to in a timely manner. Meanwhile, our funding remains the same.

How do we continue to offer the same services with less funding?

We respond to these situations in a timely and efficient manner, while ensuring that our roads are adequate for safe travel. **All of our maintenance**, whether winter or general, is prioritized in the following order:

- ◆ State Trunkline - 459 lane miles
- ◆ Primary Road - 489 linear miles
- ◆ Local Road - 827 linear miles

“I pay taxes! Aren’t my roads just as important?”

All roads are important and require maintenance. However, the above priority exists because of both funding requirements and limitations. In order to ensure that roads are safe for travel, we need to establish this priority list based on traffic volumes and speed. This often means that less traveled roads and those with lower speed limits will be at the bottom of the list. However, they are **all** on the list and important to the Calhoun County Road Commission.

With spring just around the corner, we will soon be devoting 100% of our time to patching potholes. We are asking all travelers to be aware of potholes and adjust driving speeds appropriately to ensure safe travel. Continue to report all potholes to the Calhoun County Road Commission service request system by calling our office at 269-781-9841, 1-800-781-5512 or by email to info@calhouncrc.net.

Would you like to share your public organization's information with others? Let us know and we will gladly add your website link to our website. Just give us a call: 269/781-9841; toll free at 800/781-5512; or email us at info@calhouncrc.net



ATTENTION

CCRC's Office Hours are
Monday-Friday
6:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Contact us at:
269-781-9841 or
800-781-5512

Please visit us at:
www.calhouncrc.net

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BOARD OF CALHOUN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSIONERS

In December of 2007, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appointed two additional members to the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners. This five member Board also serves as the Calhoun County Board of Public Works and the Parks Trustees Board. Each board holds regularly scheduled public meetings and is responsible for establishing policies and budget priorities as part of their review of operations.

Board Officers for 2008 are as follows:

| <u>ROAD COMMISSION</u> | <u>PUBLIC WORKS</u> | <u>PARKS</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Chairman: Scott Brown | Chairman: Hugh Coward | Chairman: Eric Tobin |
| Vice Chairman: Hugh Coward | Vice Chairman: Eric Tobin | Vice Chairman: Hugh Coward |
| Member: Charles Monaweck | Member: Scott Brown | Member: Scott Brown |
| Member: Chet Travis | Member: Charles Monaweck | Member: Charles Monaweck |
| Member: Eric Tobin | Member: Chet Travis | Member: Chet Travis |

The Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted.

The Board of Public Works meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. following the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meeting.

The Parks Trustees Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m., following the 5:30 p.m. Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meeting.



SNOW REMOVAL

In an effort to provide the most efficient and effective snow removal on our roads, CCRC follows a policy that prioritizes snow removal as follows: State trunk lines/expressways, primary roads, major local roads, and residential/subdivision roads. We are in continual communication with Central Dispatch/911 and will respond to a medical or other emergency on a road when notified by them.

Help us educate the children of our county on the risk presented by snowplows and the dangers of playing on the high piles of snow and ice that are near the roadway during snow removal—keep your children away from roadside piles of snow.

Please be advised that it is a violation of the Michigan Vehicle Code, as well as a traffic safety hazard, for contractors, excavators, and homeowners to push snow onto or across a roadway or the shoulder of a roadway. Any violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code, Act 300 of 1949, 257.677a "Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush prohibited" may result in legal action.

We encourage our residents and the motoring public to report road conditions that need attention by calling our office at 269/781-9841, 800/781-5512, or call 911 for emergencies. You may also visit our website at www.calhouncrc.net to report road problems.

