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SEASONAL LOAD LIMITS/FROST LAWS 2007

Seasonal Load Limits/Frost Laws went into effect on Calhoun County roads on Monday, March 5, 2007 at 6:00 a.m. and will remain in effect until further notice.

Speed reductions and seasonal weight restrictions on Calhoun County roads can help to preserve and protect against wear and tear caused by winter thaw and heavy vehicles. During this restricted period, State Law requires the following:



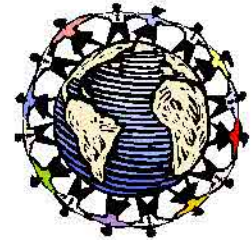
- ◆ Reduction in the maximum axle loads by 35% on all types of roads.
- ◆ Tire loads cannot exceed 450 lbs per inch of tire width.
- ◆ Reduction in the travel speed limit for trucks to a maximum of 35 mph.

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police may enforce the Seasonal Load Limits/Frost Laws while they are in effect. There will be no special permits issued. In accordance with Public Act 300 of 1949, the following are exempt from restrictions: milk haulers, agricultural commodities and public utilities.

For more information, please contact CCRC at:
269-781-9841 or toll free at 1-800-781-5512
Or visit us on the web at www.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.

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Our website address has changed!!!

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2007 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULES

The Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise posted.

The Parks Trustees Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. following the 9:00 a.m. Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meeting.



The Board of Public Works meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. following the Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners meeting.

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CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF ROAD COMMISSIONERS

Authorized by the Michigan Legislature in 1909 by Act 283, Calhoun County organized its road commission in 1912. It has a three-member board of road commissioners that are appointed to six-year, staggered terms by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners. The Calhoun County Road Commission (CCRC) is not part of general county government. It is a legally separate entity that receives nearly all of its funding directly from the state according to Michigan Public Act 51. CCRC has no taxing authority—we receive our funds from gas taxes and vehicle registration fees, NOT property taxes.

The Board of Calhoun County Road Commissioners, Board of Public Works and Parks Trustees Board provide a variety of services to the residents and traveling public of Calhoun County, Michigan. Each board holds regularly scheduled public meetings and is responsible for establishing policies and budget priorities as part of their review of operations.

CCRC directly maintains and repairs 57 bridges and more than 1,300 miles of county roads. It also maintains more than 200 miles of state highways throughout Calhoun County on a contract basis. The Board of Public Works (BPW) administers the various Public Works Projects Construction and Debt Service Funds under the provisions of Act 185, Public Acts of 1957, as amended, and the BPW Revolving Fund. Construction and financing services are available to cities, villages and townships within the county for water and sewer projects. The Parks Trustees Board oversees the following Calhoun County facilities for area residents to enjoy: Historic Bridge Park, Kimball Pines Park, Ott Biological Preserve and several canoe launches.

The Managing Director manages the daily operations of our 75+ employees and our fleet of heavy equipment to ensure an innovative and well-managed organization that provides the highest quality of public service to our customers.



From left: Charles Monawick, Chester Travis, Scott Brown

ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMITS



The Calhoun County Road Commission (CCRC) has jurisdiction over county road right-of-way. Typically, this area is 33 feet from the centerline of a county roadway. Activities that we perform in the right-of-way include: shoulder maintenance, brush and berm removal, ditching, mowing, sign installation, guardrail installation and maintenance, and roadside cleanup.

A permit is required for any type of work or activity that will be performed within the right-of-way including: driveway installation/resurfacing, tree removal, utility installation, ditch modification, minor landscape, road closure (parade, celebration, festival or similar activity), and right-of-way maintenance.

Items and/or activities that are NOT allowed in the right-of-way include: fencing, retaining walls, landscaping (fieldstone, berm, trees, shrubs, flowers, etc.), ditch fill in, dumping, agricultural commodities when there is a sight distance issue, mailboxes that will not yield when hit, and any obstructions that have the potential of obscuring sight distance, signage, or may be a potential safety hazard.

Permit application packets are available at the CCRC office by calling 1-800-781-5512 or 269-781-9841 or on our website at www.calhouncrc.net

