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Your Local Road Professionals

January 16, 2024

Dear Benzie County Residents:

The support of the taxpayers, as well as the skill and dedication of our employees, has allowed the Road Commission to continue providing excellent service that residents have come to expect. Without the voted road millage, the operations of the Road Commission would be severely impacted. This millage is a big part of our operating budget and is used to provide night-time snowplowing on our primary roads during the winter with the remainder earmarked for funding various township requested paving projects. In this we are grateful for the continued support expressed by the County taxpayers this past November.

The Board takes its fiduciary responsibilities seriously. A significant part of the Road Commission's revenue is derived from the Michigan Transportation Fund, which is an allocation of the State vehicle gas and diesel fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees. Even though a new highway funding program was implemented by the State, we continue to face rising asphalt, diesel fuel, and labor costs. Even with the new funding, it will be many years before we can overcome the years of inadequate funding at the State level. We continue to use seasonal and on-call employees during the winter months to compensate so that we can continue providing the same level of snowplowing service our residents have come to expect.

Attached to this letter are several reports detailing how our revenues were spent this past year. Even with cost-sharing provided by townships and from other sources, the Road Commission emphasizes spending our limited resources wisely and equitably in the best interests of our residents.

Earlier this winter, an independent audit was conducted of our 2023 financial records resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial results can be found on our web site at www.benziecrc.org. Also, visit us on Facebook too! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our operations.

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To: All Benzie County Township Clerks/Supervisors:

Cc: Benzie County Board of Commissioners:

As part of the State of Michigan Act-51 reporting process, financial reports summarizing road related services provided by the Benzie County Road Commission for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023 are attached. These reports are:

Actual Revenues and Expenditures Summary (audited) for the year 2023

This is an overall financial picture of our 2023 activities. Additional details are shown on the accompanying schedules listed below.

Primary Road Maintenance – 2023 and **Local Road Maintenance – 2023**

Summarizes **routine maintenance** activities such as dust control, crack sealing, surface and shoulder maintenance, tree work, drainage, grass mowing, guardrails, spring street sweeping, pavement marking, snow removal, and traffic signs which are shown by township for local roads. Each activity category consists of labor with fringe benefit costs (payroll taxes, health, dental, life insurance premiums and pension), equipment costs, purchased and mined materials, subcontractors and allocated overhead.

Primary Road-Paving Projects - 2023 and **Local Road-Paving Projects - 2023**

These schedules summarize **paving projects** for local roads (categorized by township) and for primary roads. For any township(s) wishing to improve some of their local roads, please contact our staff to help you define your needs and contribution requirements.

State Trunkline Activities – 2023

This schedule summarizes our maintenance activities for maintaining the three State Trunkline routes (M-22, US-31 and M-115) as contracted by the State of Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

Also included is a **Report to Citizens** which explaining our funding sources, some of our notable accomplishments achieved this past year, and the challenges we face maintaining and improving our county road system with a limited budget in difficult economic times.

Should you have any questions regarding these reports, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Joel Nedow-Finance Manager/Secretary to the Board

Attachments

BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
For the Year Ended 9-30-23
Actual Revenues and Expenditures for the Year

REVENUES

Transportation Funds

	YE 2023
Engineering	10,000.00
Primary Roads	3,231,512.64
Local Roads	1,751,463.17
Snow Removal funds	273,374.94
Forest Road funds	43,382.44

State Trunkline Maintenance	979,551.91
State Misc: TWA projects	232,142.57
Other: Protect Mi Pension	495,705.00

Federal Aid	61,663.00
Sale of Federal Aid	368,820.00
Township Contributions	279,230.94
NCRS/CRA Grants	191,901.74
Millage proceeds	1,253,777.89
Salvage Sales	4,128.70
Permits & Fees	61,325.10
Misc - other	134.00
Interest income/Bank fees	<u>107,214.65</u>

Total Revenues: 9,345,328.69

EXPENDITURES

Primary Road

	YE 2023	
Paving Projects	965,315.77	(See schedule)
Routine maintenance	1,781,836.96	(See schedule)
<u>Local Road</u>		
Paving projects	821,500.59	(See schedule)
Routine maintenance	2,446,382.23	(See schedule)

State Trunkline Maintenance	979,551.91	(See schedule)
State Misc: MDOT project	232,142.57	

Capital Outlay	178,618.00	
Equipment Expense - Net	582,091.80	(Calculation below)

Net Administrative Expense 394,873.96

See note below

Lease principle pmts	161,209.96
Lease interest Expense	5,804.72
Non-Road State Grant	495,705.00

Total Expenditures: 9,045,033.47

Net increase: fund balance: 300,295.22

<u>Equipment Expense-Net</u>	
Truck/Equipment expenses	1,584,099.16
Shop supplies & overhead	496,148.66
Equipment fuel	324,946.21
subtotal	<u>2,405,194.03</u>
Less: Rental revenue	<u>(1,823,102.23)</u>
Equipment Expense-Net	582,091.80

Fringe benefits are allocated to primary and local road expenditures, equipment expense, shop supplies and inventory accounts at year-end.

**Benzie County Road Commission
Primary Road-Paving Projects for 2023**

9-30-23

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>Primary Rd #</u>	<u>Labor & Fringes</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Misc & Overhead</u>	<u>Outside Contractors</u>			<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Work Performed</u>	<u>Miles Improved</u>	<u>Local/BIA or Federal Sources</u>
					<u>Engineering</u>	<u>Restoration</u>	<u>Paving</u>				
Lindy Road-Village T-Ville to Karlin Rd	602	0.00	0.00	4,344.76	0.00	18,119.60	165,961.32	188,425.68	Resurface	2.47	Millage
Lindy Road-Karlin Rd to county line	602	1,515.93	237.42	3,427.40	0.00	12,701.00	130,759.39	148,641.14	Resurface	1.44	Millage
Cinder Road	608	611.18	34.95	6,858.34	0.00		289,931.02	297,435.49	Resurface	3.00	Sale-Fed Aid
Esch Road - FLAP grant	610	0.00	0.00	158.34	6,708.50			6,866.84	Resurface	3.07	2022 project
Reynolds Road-Bridge replacement	667	0.00	0.00	180.80	7,660.21			7,841.01	Resurface	-	Bridge bundling
Copernish Road-Lindy Rd to county line	700	0.00	0.00	1,184.41	44,484.27	5,697.40		51,366.08	Resurface	0.53	Millage
Karlin Road-Lindy Rd to county line	700	1,383.11	139.93	6,104.43	0.00		257,112.06	264,739.53	Resurface	4.00	Millage
TOTALS		3,510.22	412.30	22,258.48	58,852.98	36,518.00	843,763.79	965,315.77		14.51	

Summary:
 Safety
 Reconstruct
 Resurface 965,315.77 14.51
 Other
 Intersection 965,315.77 14.51

Benzie County Road Commission
 Primary Road Maintenance - 2023

Year ended 9/30/23

	Surface	Shoulder	Guardrail	Tree Removal	Drainage	Mowing	Sign Maintenance	Highway Painting	Chip Sealing
	\$ 99,524.53	\$ 248,250.85	\$ 2,050.03	\$ 164,152.54	\$ 69,318.49	\$ 53,145.10	\$ 22,592.57	\$ 120,879.05	\$ 326,246.55
Street Sweeping	\$ 5,956.22	\$ 138,802.66	\$ 2,628.12	\$ 2,517.88	\$ 2,432.80	\$ 2,819.33	\$ 3377,785.58	\$ 142,734.66	\$ 1,781,836.96
									Grand Totals

**Benzie County Road Commission
Local Road-Paving Projects for 2023**

9-30-23

PROJECT	Twp	Labor & Fringes		Equipment		Supplies/ Overhead		Engineering	Other	Outside contractors		Total Cost	Work Performed	Miles Improved	Funding Sources
										Culvert	Paving				
King Road	Colfax	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,030.47						212,425.45	217,455.92	Resurface	1.00	Millage
S. Carmean Road	Colfax	1,746.64	969.02		72.19							2,787.85	Resurface	1.97	Millage
Brownell Rd Hillside	Homestead	0.00	0.00	3,839.71					162,682.50			166,522.21	Other	-	General Funds
Brownell Rd culvert	Homestead	51,869.26	22,694.82	15,988.44				13,578.44		84,919.10	9,700.00	198,750.06	Culvert	0.02	CRA/GTB
Henry Road relocation	Benzonia	38,546.88	35,311.12	12,160.29					4,831.21		63,446.51	154,296.01	Construct	0.17	Twp/County
Bankston Rd & culvert	Gilmore	10,176.20	10,623.19	2,892.03						1,500.00	56,497.12	81,688.54	Resurface	0.70	Local Rd Match
TOTALS		102,338.98	69,598.15	39,983.13				13,578.44	167,513.71	86,419.10	342,069.08	821,500.59		3.86	

Summary:

Resurface	301,932.31	3.67
Other	166,522.21	-
Construct	154,296.01	0.17
Culvert	198,750.06	0.02
\$	821,500.59	3.86

**Benzie County Road Commission
Township Local Road Maintenance - 2023**

Year ended 9/30/23

Township	Dust		Surface Maintenance		Graveling Projects		Shoulder Maintenance		Tree Work		Drainage		Mowing		Roadside Cleanup		Miles of Local Roads
	Control/brine	Guardrail															
Almira	36,977.95		119,566.65		30,688.90		39,458.23		72,188.43		21,013.41		4,303.03		203.04		
Inland	16,676.51		74,210.34		35,556.14		11,933.41		17,500.76		2,565.44		4,115.63		64.68		
Colfax	19,418.27		56,120.42				8,818.60		35,478.38		1,466.92		4,414.56		32.36		
Weldon	35,944.30		64,694.52				4,581.88		44,105.13		2,191.50		4,673.36				
Homestead	47,697.67		86,008.15				25,765.98		66,547.43		59,769.90		8,491.58				
Platte	10,964.97		79,318.53				4,172.67		10,019.68		5,065.71		2,355.37				
Lake	7,739.62	1,644.30	15,950.95				6,616.77		22,901.05		5,432.59		1,232.68				
Benzonia	25,908.61		89,954.74				34,981.40		49,536.05		35,685.95		11,389.69		65.07		
Joyfield	15,261.21		31,765.15				13,848.96		47,848.46		136.88		4,780.77				
Blaine	2,114.28		19,776.76				25,182.32		46,186.92		12,433.46		5,164.89				
Gillmore	1,213.82		17,530.68				8,207.41		19,793.24		6,804.04		694.20				
Crystal Lake	1,142.17		11,761.13				5,060.35		27,764.22		1,778.48		3,992.03				
Totals	\$ 221,059.38	\$ 1,644.30	\$ 666,658.02	\$ 66,245.04	\$ 188,627.98	\$ 459,869.75	\$ 154,344.28	\$ 55,507.79	\$ 365.15								
(Continued)																	
Almira	580.47		70,331.47		767.47				7,152.72		16,429.07		93.83		419,754.67		63.00
Inland	211.50		35,279.03		3,128.63				2,887.59		12,306.32		220.25		217,413.70		51.82
Colfax	3,898.92		30,356.43		1,710.70		2,987.13		2,569.71		12,400.85		140.81		181,234.06		40.44
Weldon	445.89		25,587.60						834.99		10,269.35				193,778.91		51.43
Homestead	701.90	2,388.03	53,367.94		1,683.58		603.93		6,600.00		16,768.10				376,394.19		47.88
Platte	463.56		13,883.92		406.32				2,867.82		10,065.80		196.76		139,781.11		47.24
Lake	219.47		23,748.84						2,147.70		10,337.93		287.64		98,259.54		26.49
Benzonia	1,033.52		42,757.52		3,014.75		1,361.91		4,959.16		15,472.55		46.93		316,167.85		42.37
Joyfield	292.13		25,004.87		897.19				2,694.67		6,600.74		534.91		149,665.94		26.33
Blaine	2,841.53		30,444.86		1,457.80				1,623.47		6,953.32		339.29		154,518.90		20.00
Gillmore			10,095.12		1,273.35		3,498.00		1,217.09		6,626.66		214.18		77,067.79		8.68
Crystal Lake	385.95		35,342.22		2,608.84		16,102.19		5,241.46		10,762.43		404.10		122,345.57		22.18
Totals	\$ 11,074.84	\$ 5,115.89	\$ 396,199.82	\$ 16,948.63	\$ 24,453.16	\$ 40,796.38	\$ 134,993.12	\$ 2,478.70	\$ 2,446,382.23	447.86							

* Includes employee health, life and dental insurances, retirement, holiday, vacation, sick pay and payroll taxes.
 ** Includes general road expenses used to support road maintenance.

**Benzle County Road Commission
State Trunk-line Activity-2023**

For the year ended September 30, 2023

Routes:	Pothole Patching	Gravel Shoulders	Tree removal	Stump removal	Ditch Cleanup	Litter Pickup	Mowing	Culvert Maintenance	Sweep & Flushing	Guardrail	Winter	Winter patrol
M-115	467.57	18,940.56	5,089.23	1,451.93	857.32	1,502.69	6,845.50	4,602.55	2,332.19	4,191.55	59,757.00	4,246.90
M-22	3,345.25	3,631.81	42,508.37	451.16	20,828.83	1,620.22	12,679.25	16,758.31	4,831.39	2,986.70	58,938.63	5,764.33
US-31	1,979.80	11,020.74	4,811.14	471.88	15,869.59	1,600.26	12,162.98	17,489.00	3,879.50	8,838.67	80,921.38	5,662.31
31-P12												
22-S16												

Totals \$ 5,792.62 \$ 33,593.11 \$ 52,408.74 \$ 2,374.97 \$ 37,555.74 \$ 4,723.17 \$ 31,687.73 \$ 38,849.86 \$ 11,043.08 \$ 16,016.92 \$ 199,617.01 \$ 15,673.54

	Winter Other	Insurance	Signal Maintenance	Traffic Signs	Carcass Removal	Deliniator Maintenance	Parks	Overhead	Field supervision	Adopt A Highway	Benefits	Totals
M-115	8,444.82		93.12		1,188.38	1,530.32		21,266.25	10,887.02	33.16	80,326.45	\$ 234,054.51
M-22	9,892.41			402.13	1,505.52	3,038.73		30,415.92	13,451.74	33.16	112,949.60	\$ 346,033.46
US-31	15,700.69	4,022.00		452.05	1,964.75	1,222.47		33,797.34	30,142.10	33.16	128,047.44	\$ 380,089.25
31-P12							3,846.73	523.64			2,313.57	\$ 6,683.94
22-S16							9,611.02	994.21			2,085.52	\$ 12,690.75
Totals	\$ 34,037.92	\$ 4,022.00	\$ 93.12	\$ 854.18	\$ 4,658.65	\$ 5,791.52	\$ 13,457.75	\$ 86,997.36	\$ 54,480.86	\$ 99.48	\$ 325,722.58	\$ 979,551.91