

# County Road News

## Ionia County Road Commission

### What's New?

Lack of adequate road funding is still a major issue we continue to deal with. Contact your legislator and let them know roads and bridges are important and need adequate funding. We still have projects this year and a few approved for possible construction in 2016, but we may not have dollars to match the Federal/State grants. Nevertheless, we will continue to work hard to do the best we can with the funds available.

The Road Commission is currently on its summer work schedule of four 10 hour days. Please contact our office Monday – Thursday for any road related business you may have.



We are now on Facebook. Please search and 'like' Ionia County Road Commission to receive daily updates on maintenance activities and other road related information.

### 2015 Board Dates

Ken Gasper .....Chair  
Al Almy ..... Vice-Chair  
Karen Bota .....Member  
Chuck Minkley .....Member  
Bill Weisgerber .....Member  
Dorothy G. Pohl, ..... Manager/Clerk

The County Board of Commissioners appoints the Road Commissioners to six year terms. All meetings are held at the Road Commission office and the public is always welcome. We are located at 170 East Riverside Drive in Ionia, MI.

All regular scheduled meetings are held on Wednesdays at 9 am unless otherwise noted below.

### Remaining 2015 Board Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday, June 24  
Wednesday, July 8 and 29  
Wednesday, August 12  
Wednesday, September 2 and 23  
Wednesday, October 14 and 28  
Tuesday, November 10  
Wednesday, November 25  
Friday, December 4  
Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm  
Wednesday, December 30

### Summer Maintenance Activities

**Dust Control** – We have almost completed our first application of brine for this summer. Townships approve the amount of brine used and how many times it will be applied each summer. The Road Commission then prepares the roads and coordinates with a contractor to apply the brine to the roads. Visit our website or contact our office for the tentative brine schedule for your township.

**Roadside Mowing** – Mowing has begun on state highways and county blacktop roads. We will begin mowing gravel intersections soon.

**Gravel Resurfacing** – Some townships choose to purchase gravel for township gravel roads. Contractors will haul gravel to specified roads and our grader operators will level the new gravel.

Please reduce speed while driving on gravel roads. Excessive speed is a leading cause of deterioration of the gravel roads.

Remember to drive cautiously when you see our crews working along the roadsides. Many of our operations are continuously moving and do not have advanced warning signs. For our safety and your safety, we ask that you reduce speed as soon as you see our flashing lights.

Do you have questions or concerns regarding your road? Feel free to contact the office by phone or email. We cannot drive every road in the county every day of the week. Sometimes we are unaware of road issues like potholes, low hanging trees/limbs, and damaged signs. Please take a minute to notify us so we can address these issues. It is very helpful to hear from the citizens that drive the roads daily. We will assess the problem and make necessary repairs as crews are available.

### 2015 Projects

The following is an overview of our major summer construction projects. For further details please visit our website or contact our engineering department.

#### Bridge Maintenance Project

David Hwy. over the Grand River, Portland Township

#### Safety Projects

- East Main/Stage between Prairie Creek and M21, Ionia Township
- Grand River Avenue between Cutler Road and Clintonia Road, Danby Township
- Keefer Hwy. between Lyons Village Limits and Lyons Road, Lyons Township

#### Chip and Fog Seal

- Bellamy Road between Bradford and Dildine, Easton Township
- David Hwy. between Jordan Lake Road and M66, Berlin Township
- Diane/Doreen/Debra (entire subdivision off Grand River Avenue), Portland Township
- Dildine Road between Bellamy and M66, Easton Township
- Friend Road between Ionia and Grand River Avenue, Portland Township
- Haynor Road between Cowan and Dildine, Easton Township
- Haynor Road between M21 and Yeomans, Easton Township
- Jefferson Road between Nickleplate and Ionia City Limits, Ionia Township
- Johnson Road between Woolridge and Ellison, Easton Township
- Kelsey Hwy. between Tuttle and David Hwy., Orange Township
- Kent Street between Portland City Limits and Grand River bridge, Portland Township
- Knox Road between Portland City Limits and I96 bridge, Portland Township
- Lake Point between M50 and end of subdivision, Odessa Township
- Lyons Road between Gibbs Road and Portland City Limits, Portland Township
- Peck Lake Road between Ainsworth and Harwood, Berlin Township
- Potters Road between Marble and Johnson Road, Keene Township
- Riverside Drive between Saranac Village Limits and Ainsworth Road, Berlin Township
- West Main Street between Bellamy Creek and 2014 project limits, Easton Township

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