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## Your Local Road Professionals

December 8, 2022

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, 2022 are attached. These reports are:

### **Actual Revenues and Expenditures Summary (audited) for the year 2022**

This is an overall financial picture of our 2022 activities. Additional details are shown on the accompanying schedules listed below.

### **Primary Road Maintenance – 2022 and Local Road Maintenance – 2022**

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 - 2022 and Local Road-Paving Projects - 2022**

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 – 2022**

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

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Dear Benzie County Residents:

The support of the taxpayers, as well as the skill and dedication of our employees, has enabled the Road Commission to continue providing excellent service 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.

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. While a new highway funding program was recently implemented, we continue to face rising asphalt, diesel fuel, and labor costs partly related to the impact of COVID. 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 2022 financial records resulting in a clean opinion. Complete financial results can be found on our web site at [www.benziecrc.org](http://www.benziecrc.org). Also, visit us on Facebook too! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about our operations.

Bob Rosa

Jim Bowers

Paul Beechraft

**BENZIE COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**  
**For the Year Ended 9-30-22**  
**Actual Revenues and Expenditures for the Year**

**REVENUES**

**YE 2022**

<u>Transportation Funds</u>	
Engineering	10,000.00
Primary Roads	3,085,505.45
Local Roads	1,676,030.43
Snow Removal funds	253,324.52
Forest Road funds	43,382.50
State Trunkline Maintenance	873,161.52
State Misc: TWA projects	-
State trunkline audit	232,178.00
Federal Aid	998,086.33
CRA/Gvt Contributions	123,545.51
Township Contributions	279,569.48
Private/Misc Contributions	111.94
Millage proceeds	1,190,423.71
Salvage Sales	9,625.77
Permits & Fees	68,747.47
G/L on Disposal of equipment	194,525.00
Interest income/Bank fees	16,270.23
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>9,054,487.86</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

**YE 2022**

<u>Primary Road</u>		
Paving Projects	2,044,550.83	(See schedule)
Routine maintenance	1,705,600.84	(See schedule)
<u>Local Road</u>		
Paving projects	912,741.73	(See schedule)
Routine maintenance	2,271,190.47	(See schedule)
State Trunkline Maintenance	873,161.52	(See schedule)
State Misc: MDOT project	-	
Capital Outlay	654,339.18	
Equipment Expense - Net	598,958.98	(Calculation below)
Net Administrative Expense	468,011.61	See note below
Lease principle pmts	37,725.18	
Lease interest Expense	8,138.31	
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>9,574,418.65</b>	
<b>Net increase: fund balance:</b>	<b>(519,930.79)</b>	

**Equipment Expense-Net**

Truck/Equipment expenses	1,570,811.03
Shop supplies & overhead	456,458.85
Equipment fuel	351,092.74
subtotal	2,378,362.62
Less: Rental revenue	(1,779,403.64)
Equipment Expense-Net	598,958.98

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

**Benzie County Road Commission  
Township Local Road Maintenance - 2022**

Year ended 9/30/22

Township	Dust Control/drive	Hwy Paint/ Guardrail	Surface Maintenance	Shoulder Maintenance	Tree Work	Drainage	Mowing	Roadside	
								Cleanup	Crack Fill
Almira	28,711.44		111,099.37	28,795.94	31,116.51	15,932.45	14,442.14	72.62	
Inland	13,877.21		118,304.42	28,760.95	24,039.42	26,561.09	3,673.60	104.96	
Colfax	20,409.88		84,462.42	6,180.52	11,517.42	7,643.79	1,078.70	90.08	
Weldon	30,720.58		55,427.94	7,232.05	19,373.17	4,638.65	1,002.64	70.34	
Homestead	43,057.06		133,982.96	21,632.61	29,794.08	53,478.75	3,904.61	71.37	
Platte	19,776.51		86,547.91	9,725.98	14,675.38	33,336.06	4,997.72		
Lake	6,472.15		21,812.43	15,245.49	7,084.79	9,140.66	1,362.36	133.85	
Benzonia	22,172.15	1,331.10	46,563.05	31,139.07	18,588.94	10,853.93	5,852.82	280.55	
Joyfield	13,521.82	1,063.36	32,797.13	14,168.24	6,741.89	2,481.63	4,041.89	74.19	
Blaine	1,425.98		15,651.91	30,090.88	44,693.27	3,266.32	7,301.83		
Gilmore	936.99		9,605.77	5,007.76	9,564.15	8,083.99	2,110.16	36.41	
Crystal Lake	1,800.30	1,862.97	15,959.43	13,175.55	25,620.93	14,142.32	4,848.81		12,927.27
Totals	\$ 202,882.07	\$ 4,257.43	\$ 732,214.74	\$ 211,155.04	\$ 242,809.95	\$ 189,559.64	\$ 54,617.28	\$ 934.37	\$ 12,927.27
(Continued)									
Almira	492.43		69,729.25	2,202.57	5,675.10	18,434.40	301.51	\$ 324,803.16	63.00
Inland	804.92	112.68	39,648.78	1,226.05	1,895.31	18,206.81		\$ 278,192.72	51.82
Colfax	494.24	4,917.16	36,145.36	461.36	2,327.45	10,973.71		\$ 187,466.78	40.44
Weldon	243.17	112.68	23,118.53	2,843.83	1,604.75	9,923.39		\$ 153,929.25	51.43
Homestead	844.03	788.79	54,598.06	2,513.53	4,900.29	17,099.44	465.22	\$ 367,461.10	47.88
Platte	185.26		18,201.64	307.34	2,297.67	11,645.27		\$ 203,902.93	47.24
Lake	554.70		14,394.60	2,069.66	1,452.76	7,423.61		\$ 85,384.74	26.49
Benzonia	1,414.79		53,873.08	815.16	5,370.27	12,804.54		\$ 212,313.95	42.37
Joyfield	613.70		30,928.95	675.17	1,883.00	7,525.87		\$ 116,656.83	26.33
Blaine	738.23		32,620.36	479.00	3,309.43	9,778.15		\$ 149,551.53	20.00
Gilmore	121.59		10,837.70	205.95	821.19	6,113.74		\$ 53,718.45	8.68
Crystal Lake	1,325.35		30,987.34		4,024.28	10,928.52		\$ 137,809.02	22.18
Totals	\$ 7,832.41	\$ 5,931.31	\$ 415,083.65	\$ 13,799.62	\$ 35,561.50	\$ 140,857.45	\$ 766.73	\$ 2,271,190.46	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.

Benzie County Road Commission  
Primary Road Maintenance - 2022

Year ended 9/30/22

	Surface	Shoulder	Guardrail	Tree Removal	Drainage	Mowing	Sign Maintenance	Highway Painting	Crack Filling
	\$ 122,077.92	\$ 141,836.77	\$ 30,044.83	\$ 268,148.86	\$ 121,953.39	\$ 59,799.34	\$ 42,959.60	\$ 53,562.17	\$ 17,781.88
<b>Street Sweeping</b>		<b>Supervision</b>	<b>Traffic Counts</b>	<b>Bridge Inspection</b>	<b>Road side Cleanup</b>	<b>Other Winter</b>	<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>Winter-Night Snow Removal</b>	<b>Grand Totals</b>
	\$ 12,639.43	\$ 152,081.16	\$ 7,441.25	\$ 2,253.70	\$ 3,962.18	\$ 15,925.50	\$ 457,338.67	\$ 195,794.19	<u><u>\$ 1,705,600.84</u></u>

**Benzie County Road Commission  
Primary Road-Paving Projects for 2022**

9-30-22

PROJECT	Primary Rd #	Labor & Fringes	Equipment	Gravel & Overhead	Outside Contractors			Total Cost	Work Performed	Miles Improved	Local/BIA or Federal Sources
					Engineering	Trees	Paving				
Joyfield Road - US 31 to M 22	602	614.16	12.07	10,011.33	0.00	7,288.87	402,244.90	420,171.33	Resurface	4.35	Millage
Homestead Road - Case to Eldridge	608	4,063.32	2,672.33	4,287.85	0.00		101,535.46	112,558.96	Resurface	0.75	General funds
Esch Road - FLAP grant	610	0.00	0.00	15,458.76	36,373.90		596,965.45	648,798.11	Reconstruct	0.41	FLAP/Fed Aid
Maple City Hwy - CR 610 to County line	669	0.00	0.00	13,398.78	23,857.52		525,085.00	562,341.30	Resurface	3.07	Federal Aid
Lobb Road - M 115 to Southshore	687	0.00	0.00	4,344.82	0.00		178,005.42	182,350.24	Resurface	1.94	General funds
Bronson Lake Road	999	3,049.99	2,266.51	4,011.94	507.00		108,495.45	118,330.89	Resurface	1.00	General funds
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>7,727.47</b>	<b>4,950.91</b>	<b>51,513.48</b>	<b>60,738.42</b>	<b>7,288.87</b>	<b>1,912,331.68</b>	<b>2,044,550.83</b>		<b>11.52</b>	

Summary:

Safety		
Reconstruct	648,798.11	0.41
Resurface	1,395,752.72	11.11
Other		
Intersection		
	<u>2,044,550.83</u>	<u>11.52</u>

**Benzie County Road Commission  
Local Road-Paving Projects for 2022**

9-30-22

PROJECT	Twp	Labor & Fringes			Equipment			Gravel/Topsoil			OH			Culvert		Outside contractors		Total Cost	Work Performed	Miles Improved	Funding Sources
Red Pine Road	Almira	1,352.95	836.21	0.00	802.75	0.00	802.75	30,699.16	23,947.14	61,094.60	33,691.07	Resurface	1.46	50-50 Twp							
Linwood Trail	Almira	1,479.70	1,069.35	254.40	652.94						27,403.53	Resurface	0.21	50-50 Twp							
Total Almira Township:																					
Blackford Blvd	Inland	3,538.92	2,853.32	312.62	1,843.91			649.26	68,190.00	77,388.03	Resurface	0.74	50-50 Twp								
Cinder Road	Homestead	1,823.16	1,128.36	779.10	2,114.12			82,884.05	42,889.67	88,728.79	Resurface	1.00	Millage								
Zimmerman Road	Homestead	1,020.84	1,048.61	651.90	1,113.29			42,889.67		46,724.31	Resurface	0.52	Millage								
Total Homestead Township:																					
Saffron Road culvert	Platte	8,354.00	7,717.29	1,051.50	691.66			403.50	9,578.20	29,028.55	Culvert	-	CRA grant								
Case Road	Benzonia	383.85	11.43	0.00	1,855.49			478.30	75,145.24	77,874.31	Resurface	0.90	Millage								
Love Road	Benzonia	747.74	162.12	0.00	1,871.10			833.77	74,914.65	78,529.38	Resurface	0.89	Millage								
Henry Road relocation	Benzonia	9,379.57	8,684.48	678.00	467.46					19,199.51	Gravel-shift	0.17	TBD								
Total Benzonia Township:																					
Swamp Road	Joyfield/Blaine	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,341.40			564.51	177,300.72	182,206.63	Resurface	2.00	Millage								
Hunt Road	Blaine	383.85	12.07	0.00	2,150.35			87,703.10	90,249.37	90,249.37	Resurface	0.76	Millage								
Howard Road	Blaine	230.31	12.07	0.00	2,287.54			583.13	92,894.14	96,007.19	Resurface	0.68	Millage								
Johnson Road	Blaine	1,086.98	953.84	143.10	243.64			7,797.83	10,225.39	10,225.39	Resurface	0.09	50-50 Twp								
Buena	Blaine	708.64	661.15	607.20	772.18			29,659.00	32,408.17	32,408.17	Resurface	0.38	50-50 Twp								
Total Blaine Township:																					
Michigan Avenue	Crystal Lake	1,285.71	844.86	367.20	549.86			20,029.87	23,077.50	23,077.50	Resurface	0.23	100% Twp								
<b>TOTALS</b>																					
		31,776.22	25,995.16	4,845.02	21,747.69			1,232.40	3,512.47	823,632.77	912,741.73	10.03	0.00								

**Summary:**  
 Resurface 864,513.67 9.86  
 Gravel/shift 19,199.51 0.17  
 Reconstruct - -  
 Culvert 29,028.55 -  
 \$ 912,741.73 10.03

**Benzie County Road Commission  
State Trunk-line Activity-2022**

For the year ended September 30, 2022

State Trunkline	Surface	Shoulder	Tree removal	Drainage	Roadside	Mowing	Guard rails	Sweeping	Winter	Winter patrol
M-115	631,76	23,065.33	14,746.14	7,360.71	2,286.66	5,168.81	4,999.74	2,152.30	70,922.91	2,612.50
M-22	4,333.89	10,030.43	9,141.58	14,484.37	2,975.08	6,276.65		2,803.46	66,245.51	3,579.35
M-31	6,655.11	19,605.48	5,436.17	10,347.96	3,982.11	7,186.20	3,050.34	4,386.80	94,261.36	3,995.04
US-31 Park										
M-22 Arcadia										
Totals	\$ 11,620.76	\$ 52,701.24	\$ 29,323.89	\$ 32,193.04	\$ 9,243.85	\$ 18,631.66	\$ 8,050.08	\$ 9,342.56	\$ 231,429.78	\$ 10,186.89

(Continued)	Other Winter	Traffic signs	Bridge Maintenance	Park/Scenic Inspection	Insurance	Culvert Drainage	Overhead	Field supervision	Benefits	Totals
M-115	5,086.61	266.36					22,347.61	12,274.25	77,669.23	\$ 251,590.92
M-22	6,699.71	101.89					21,388.11	14,448.78	76,777.34	\$ 239,286.15
M-31	14,617.70	547.86			4,123.00		31,003.70	29,707.43	114,575.48	\$ 353,481.74
US-31 Park				17,053.44			1,787.94		3,981.22	\$ 22,822.60
M-22 Arcadia				3,763.73			468.49		1,747.89	\$ 5,980.11
Totals	\$ 26,404.02	\$ 916.11	\$ -	\$ 20,817.17	\$ 4,123.00	\$ -	\$ 76,995.85	\$ 56,430.46	\$ 274,751.16	\$ <u>873,161.52</u>