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**Your Local Road Professionals**

Local Road Committee

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RE: 2015 project recommendations

Per the request of the Local Road Committee at the October 21, 2014 meeting, the Road Commission has reviewed the list of roads identified by each township as local priorities. The Road Commission was asked to prepare a list of recommendations for the 2015 construction season, with the inclusion of a "set-aside" amount of 25-50% of projected local funds available for townships to utilize as matching funds. The Road Commission has prepared a list of project recommendations, but has excluded the "set-aside" fund request. For planning purposes, Special Assessment Districts or township contribution projects might best be pursued in the spring of 2015 prior to establishing a proposed 2016 project list. This approach will allow the Local Road Committee the opportunity to evaluate each township's proposal.

The Road Commission recommendations for 2015 projects are:

Martin Road, Platte Township	<i>Handley Rd.</i>	estimated cost	\$ 30,000
Narrow Gauge Road, Eldridge Rd to Eastman Rd, Benzonia Township		estimated cost	\$ 47,900
Wallin Road, CR669 to S. Carmean Road, Colfax Township		estimated cost	\$ 117,900
Brownell Road, Haze Road to CR669, Homestead Township		estimated cost	\$ 227,800
*Unallocated funds for culvert/drainage			<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Total estimated 2015 local road improvement cost			\$ 433,600

Some factors considered in this evaluation were traffic volume, accident history, location and costs.

These projected amounts exceed the target of \$407,639 of millage funds available to be dedicated to local road improvements. However, in addition to the proposed primary work, and budgeted cost for night primary plowing this winter, the overall total does not exceed the amount of millage funds anticipated for 2015.

Please consider this proposed list, and be prepared to discuss this or other proposals at the next Local Road Committee meeting on November 24, 2014.

Sincerely,

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