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Barry County Road Commission honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!

LANSING, MI – The Barry County Road Commission (BCRC) was honored with a statewide IMPRESS Award at the 2026 County Road Association (CRA) of Michigan Highway Conference held in late March in Lansing. IMPRESS Awards recognize county road agencies that demonstrate innovation on noteworthy projects in the categories of communication, operations and collaboration.



BCRC team pictured from left: Dylan Kennedy, engineer tech; Jim James, vice chair; Jake Welch, managing director; David Solmes, chair; Alec Belson, superintendent; and Dave Liddell, project manager.

BCRC received an IMPRESS Award in operations for its “Road Warrior Training Series” project.

“Barry’s work on the training series showcases the ingenuity and forward-thinking approach of our county road agencies,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “This project is a great example of how agencies are preserving institutional knowledge and turning it into practical tools that strengthen their workforce and improve day-to-day operations.”

The *“Road Warrior Training Series”* was created to capture employee expertise and establish standardized procedures that improve operational consistency, communication and efficiency.

An independent panel of communications and operations experts from several of Michigan’s 83 county road agencies judged all IMPRESS Awards submissions. Award recipients were honored for projects that solved time constraints, labor costs, communication barriers and fostered collaboration.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public’s right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan’s county road agencies manage 75% of all roads in the state, including 90,500 miles of roads and 5,900 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state’s highway system in 63 counties. Michigan has the nation’s fourth-largest local road system.

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