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**Marquette County Road Commission
honored with statewide IMPRESS Award!**

LANSING, MI – The Marquette County Road Commission (MCRC) 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.



MCRC team pictured from left: Joe Boogren, commissioner; Russ Williams, commissioner, Bill Luetzow, chair; Shawn Krueger, engineering and construction specialist; Dawn Solka, finance director; and Pete Duex, managing director.

This year, Marquette County received an IMPRESS Award in operations for its rehabilitation of County Road Bridge 480 using an innovative in-house drill rig support system designed and fabricated by staff to address structural deficiencies.

“Marquette County’s approach to this project is a great example of the ingenuity and problem-solving mindset we see across Michigan’s county road agencies,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “By designing and building a solution in-house, their team was able to tackle a complex challenge in a practical, cost-effective way that reflects a deep level of expertise and commitment to getting the job done right.”

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 issues both internally for their agencies and externally for their communities.

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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