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Road Commission of Kalamazoo County honored with three statewide IMPRESS Awards!

LANSING, MI – The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) was honored with three statewide IMPRESS Awards at the 2025 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 Communications, Operations and Collaboration.



This year, RCKC received IMPRESS Awards in:

- **COLLABORATION** for its “Davis Olmstead Project,” which showcased effective partnerships in completing a complex drain project.
- **COMMUNICATIONS** for its “Onsite Project Informational Meetings” that enhanced public engagement.
- **OPERATIONS** for its new state-of-the-art RCKC facility, boosting overall operational efficiency.

“Kalamazoo’s achievements in collaboration, communication and operations reflect a holistic

commitment to innovation,” said Denise Donohue, CRA CEO. “Their proactive strategies and community engagement are setting new standards for the county road agency.”

The “Davis Olmstead Project” involved coordinated efforts with multiple stakeholders to address drainage challenges. The onsite informational meetings have increased transparency, while the new facility represents a significant leap in operational capacity. Altogether they reflect big advances for RCKC.

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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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Pictured above from left: Larry Stehouwer, PE, RCKC commissioner; Travis Bartholomew, RCKC operations director; Debbie Hill, RCKC HR director; Randy Thompson, RCKC commissioner.