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County-wide Road Millage Renewal Successful

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

The County-wide Road Millage renewal was successfully passed by voters in Van Buren County at Tuesday's Primary Election. The vote represented a renewal of a previous millage, not a request for additional revenue. The renewal will be in effect for another four years.

"A big **THANK YOU** to the community and families for supporting this important millage," said Road Commission Managing Director, Bret Witkowski. "The funds have been, and will continue to be a very important part of the road improvement program in Van Buren County."

One hundred percent of revenues generated by the County-wide Road Millage will be invested into the road network in Van Buren County ensuring that the benefits are felt directly by the motoring public. These dedicated funds will <u>only</u> be spent on actual road improvements, and <u>not</u> on equipment, building improvements, or routine maintenance activities such as pothole patching, roadside mowing or snow plowing.

Witkowski added, "Passing the millage renewal was critical in order to ensure that the Road Commission can continue to provide a safe and reliable transportation system. We will continue to utilize established principles to develop our annual Road Plan: Pavement and Surface Evaluation Rating (PASER) and Inventory Based Rating (IBR), traffic counts, connectivity routes, and available funding and budget to prioritize project selections."

For information about the millage, current and future projects, maintenance operations, and more please visit the Road Commission's website at www.vbcrc.org or call 269-674-8011.

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