

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## NEWS RELEASE

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### ROAD COMMISSION TO IMPLEMENT SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS ON FEBRUARY 16<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 AM

#### ***THE ROAD COMMISSION WANTS YOU TO KNOW . . .***

The Van Buren County Road Commission will implement full Seasonal Weight Restrictions beginning Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:00 AM for all roadways under its jurisdiction, except for County All-Season roads.

“Seasonal Weight Restrictions are designed to preserve roads from damage caused by heavy vehicles during the freeze-thaw cycle”, said AJ Brucks, Permit Officer and County Weighmaster. “As the ground thaws, moisture pushes upward toward the road surface, creating pressure that leads to potholes and other forms of deterioration. The heavier the vehicle, the higher the risk of damage.”

Under state law, road agencies may enact restrictions on non-All-Season roads when conditions require it. During this period:

- Axle-loading limits are reduced by 35%
- Maximum travel speed is reduced to 35 MPH for vehicles over 10,000 pounds
- The VBCRC does not issue any overweight/oversize moving permits when seasonal weight restrictions are in place

All roads under the jurisdiction of the Road Commission are restricted unless specifically designated as “All-Season”. For more information, please visit the Road Commission’s website at <https://www.vbcrc.org/seasonalpermits>.

To receive future email updates from the Road Commission regarding Seasonal Weight Restrictions please contact AJ Brucks, Permit Officer, at [AJBrucks@vbcrc.org](mailto:AJBrucks@vbcrc.org) or by phone at 269-674-8011, Extension 252.

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