

2023 TOWNSHIP ANNUAL MEETING

WELCOME!



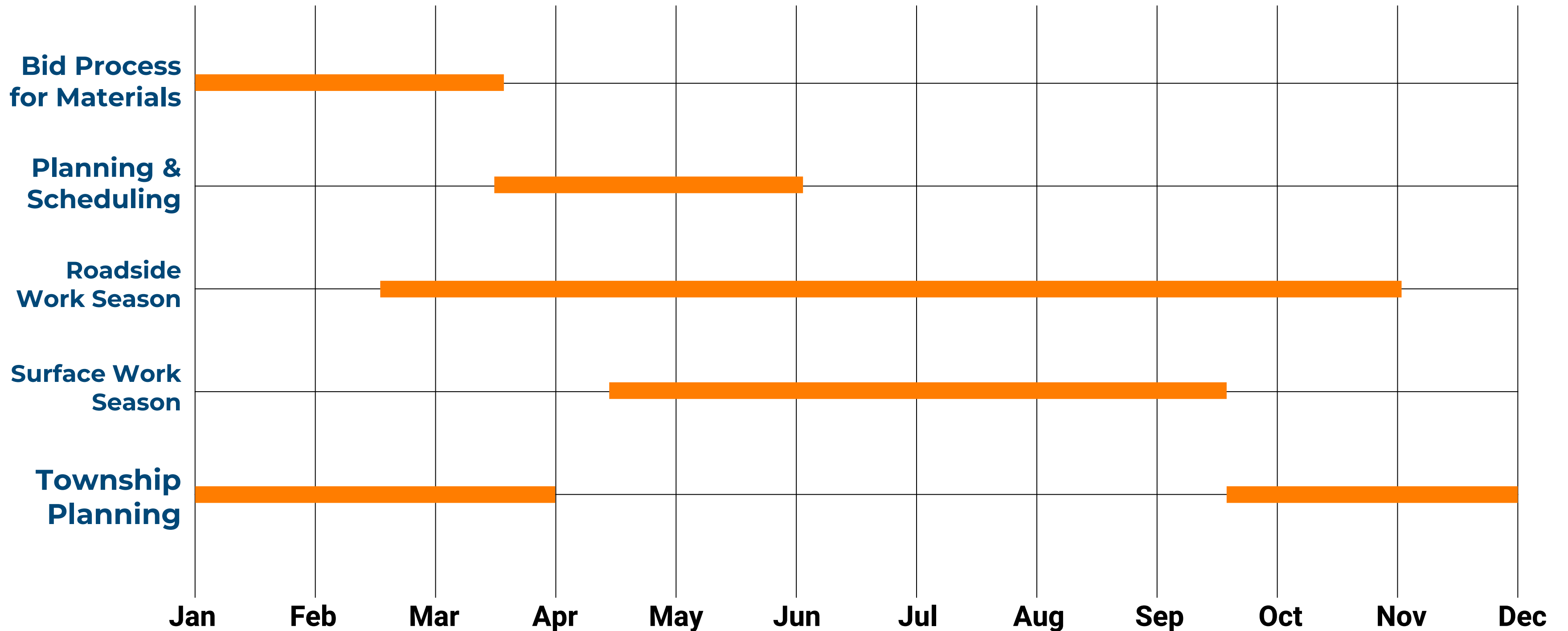
ROAD PLANNING

2024 AND BEYOND

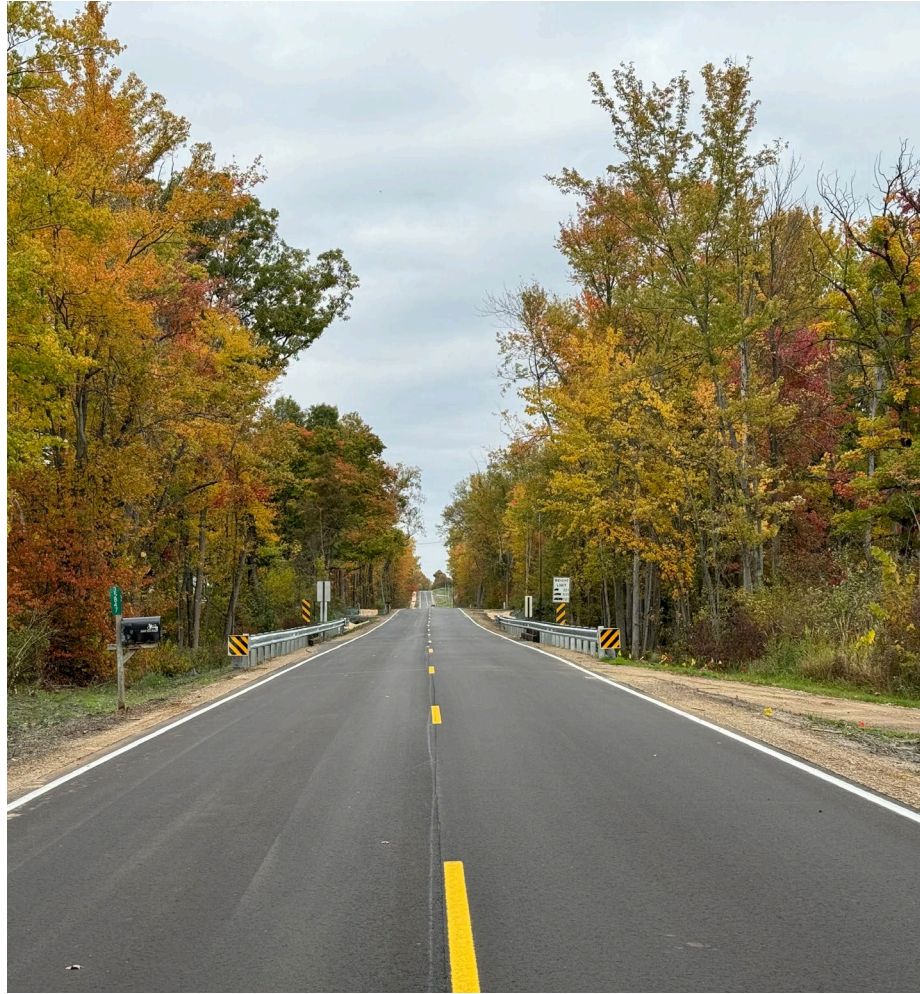


GREG BRUCKS, BARRY ANTTILA, ALYSSA MCANDREW

IMPORTANCE OF ROAD PLANNING DATES



2023 HIGHLIGHTS



30th Street
Almena Township



CR 352
Keeler Township



Red Arrow Highway
Paw Paw and Lawrence Townships

2023 HIGHLIGHTS



152.69 Miles of Sealcoat



142.18 Miles of Fog Seal



**1,490 Total Feet of
Pipe Replacements**

ROAD MAINTENANCE BEST PRACTICES

- **Protect the investment**
- **Utilize maintenance treatments as intended**
 - **Contract gravel**
 - **Sealcoat and fog seal**
- **Create a consistent and progressive plan**



10-YEAR LIFE CYCLE OF A ROAD

YEAR 1

Reconstruction

A full reconstruction with no additional maintenance lasts an average of 14 years.

YEAR 2 OR 3

Sealcoat and Fog Seal

Sealcoat with Fog Seal utilized on a road with a "Good" PASER rating can add 5-7 years of life to the road.

YEAR 4 TO 8

Evaluate for Special Maintenance

Evaluate the road for additional maintenance such as shoulder work, patching, or drainage.

YEAR 9 OR 10

Evaluate for Heavy Maintenance

Evaluate for applications such as a mill and fill.

CHANGES TO 2024 ROAD PLANNING

- 1. Fog seal included in sealcoat**
- 2. Under guardrail de-berming**
- 3. All ditching and tree work will have a program sheet**
- 4. VBCRC has ordered a roadside mower, pending delivery in Spring 2024**



QUESTIONS?

TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION UPDATES



LINNEA RADER, BRET WITKOWSKI

COMMUNICATION STANDARDS IMPLEMENTED IN 2023

SEE CLICK FIX RESPONSE

“FUTURE ROAD IMPROVEMENT REQUEST”

Thank you for voicing your concern. Van Buren County Road Commission (VBCRC) crews have investigated the request and are waiting for necessary funding to resolve the issue. The VBCRC works to prioritize these requests as funds allow. Your request has been added to the future potential project log to be followed up on when funding is available. In the future, you can contact our office at (269) 674-8011 to check on the status of this request.

ENCOURAGED SPRING AND FALL ROAD TOURS, WITH MANY TOURS BETWEEN!

Road tours are an incredibly beneficial part of the Road Planning process. In an effort to continue keeping lines of communication open, VBCRC has offered Spring road tours and now offers Fall road tours to all Township Officials who wish to take part in the Road Planning process or want to learn more about it!

CONTINUED TOWNSHIP COMMUNICATION

- **VBCRC is always open to feedback!**
- **We encourage communication from all Township officials, not just Supervisors and Liaisons**
- **VBCRC Staff are always available to attend meetings**



RESOURCES FOR TOWNSHIPS



WEBSITE

VBCRC.org/Townships



TOWNSHIP PARTNERSHIP GUIDE

Resource-style guide



ANNUAL REPORT

An individual summary of road and bridge projects by Township is included



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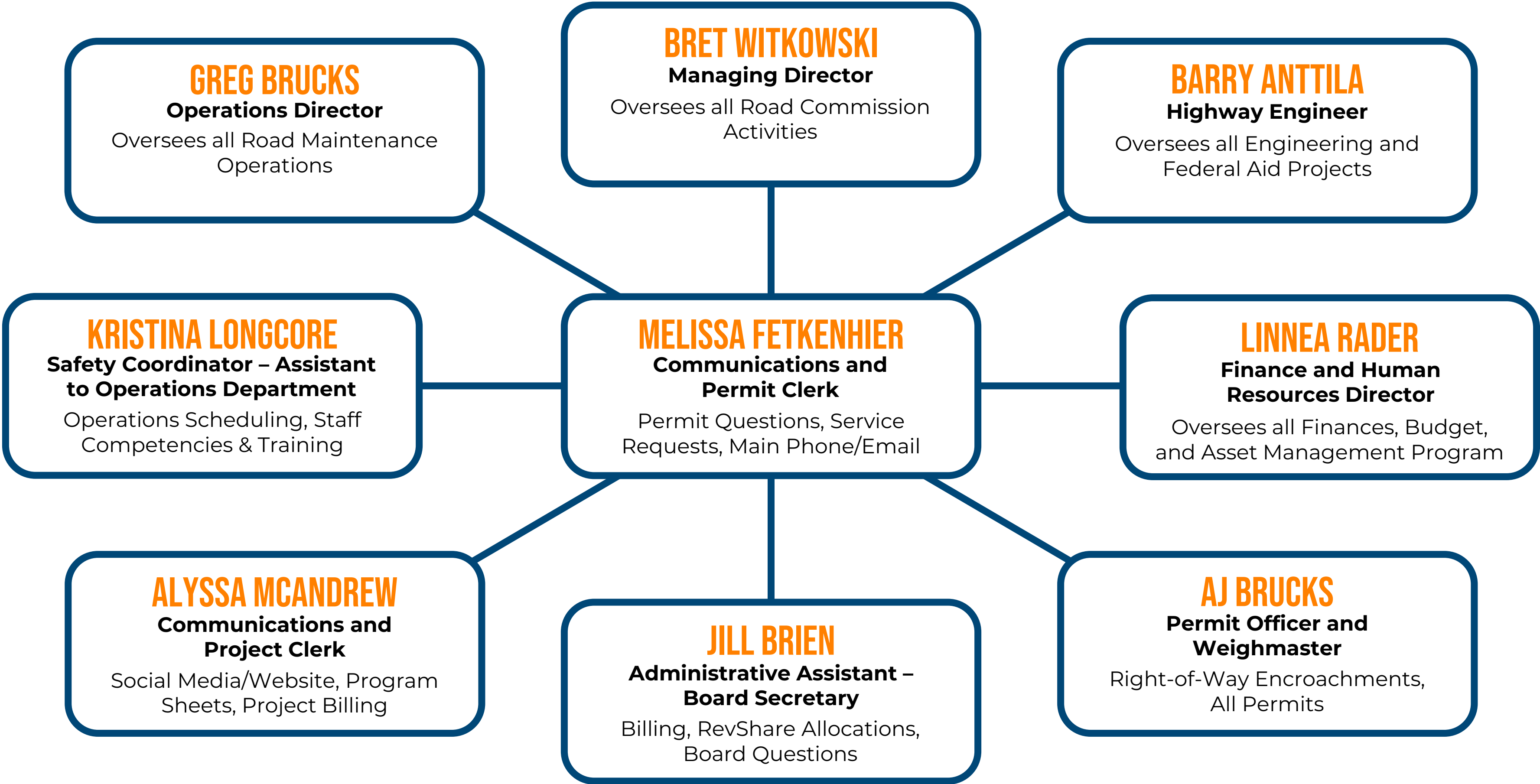
24/7 request system and documentation

QUESTIONS?

COMMUNICATION AT VBCRC



ALYSSA MCANDREW



COMMUNICATION OPTIONS



PHONE

269-674-8011



EMAIL

vbcrc@vbcrc.org



FAX

269-674-3770



SEE CLICK FIX

SeeClickFix.com/Van-Buren-County



SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook, Instagram, X



WEBSITE

vbcrc.org/Resources



IN-OFFICE

Monday – Friday
7:00 AM – 3:30 PM

ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

WEEKLY UPDATES

Weekly updates are sent via email and posted on our website at vbcrc.org/WeeklyUpdates.

Residents can sign up for the email list as well! These updates are useful tools for communicating current Road Commission events with residents.

ROAD CLOSURES

Road closures are sent via email and multi-day closures are posted on our website.

PROJECT LETTERS

Project letters for reconstruction or paving projects are sent to residents whose commute to their property will be affected, as well as the Township Supervisor, School Transportation Department, VBISD, County Transit, USPS, Drain Commission, Sheriff's Department, VBEMS, Life EMS, and Fire Department

COMMISSIONER UPDATES

Jill provides a monthly update for Commissioners who in turn can provide updates at Township meetings.

BEST WAYS TO COMMUNICATE WITH VBCRC

- **Contact the office directly with questions**
 - **Any requests or feedback will be passed to the appropriate staff member**
- **Understand the purpose of Commissioners' attendance at Township meetings**



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TOWNSHIP PARTNERSHIP GUIDE

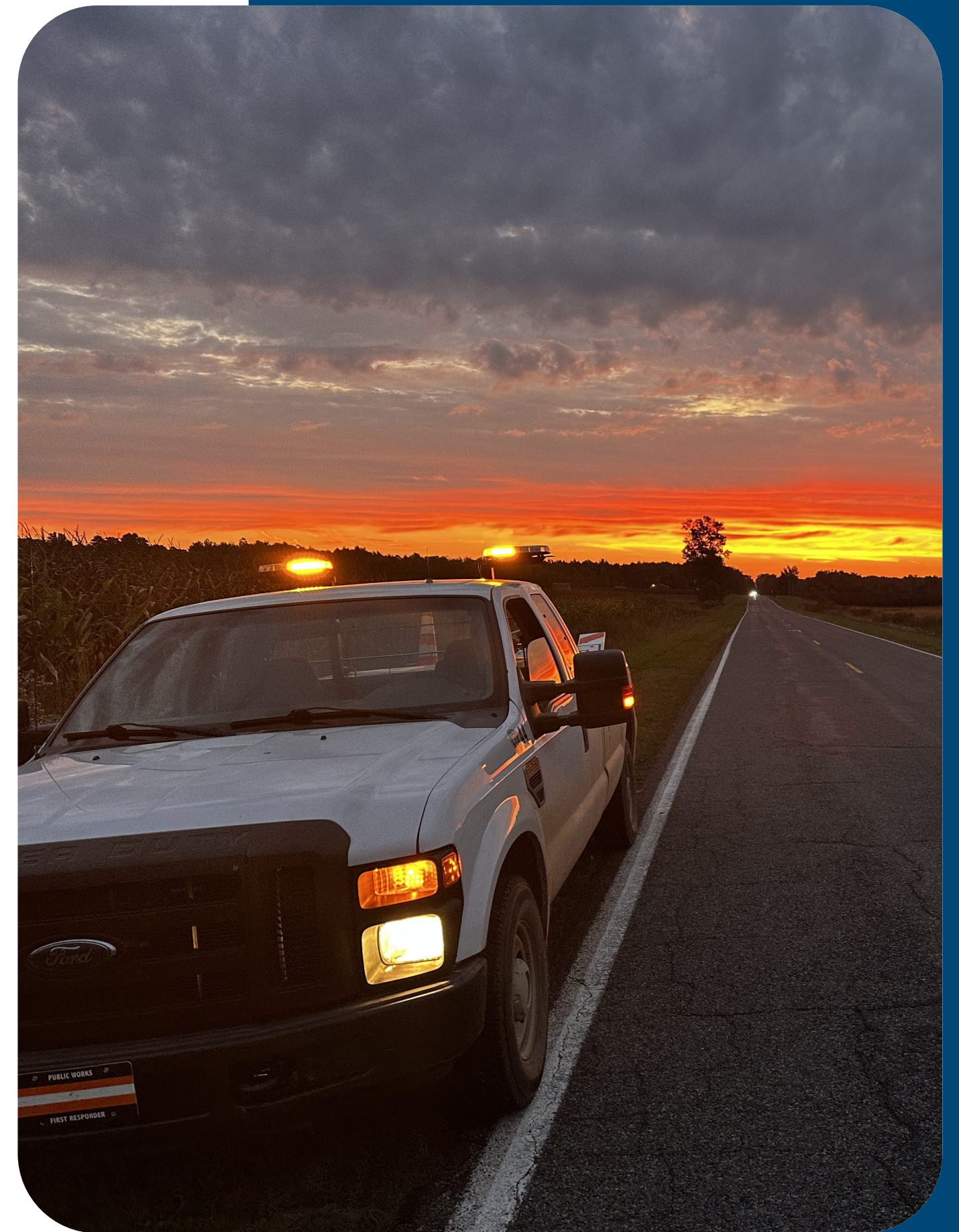
REVIEW



LINNEA RADER

WHAT IS THE TRANSPORTATION PARTNERSHIP GUIDE?

A reference guide for Township Officials with general information and reference appendices of policies and procedures for VBCRC operations.



WHAT IS INCLUDED?

BOARD INFORMATION AND DISTRICT MAP

**ROUTINE, SPECIAL, AND HEAVY
MAINTENANCE DETAILS AND EXAMPLES**

**MTF AND REVSHARE FUNDING DETAILS AND
TOWNSHIP FUNDING ROADS SOURCES**

**ROAD PLANNING DEADLINES AND ROAD
LIAISON DUTIES**

**ROAD COMMISSION STAFF ORGANIZATION,
DUTIES, AND CONTACTS**

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR TOWNSHIP
FUNDING, PROJECTS, AND MAINTENANCE**

SO, WHAT IS NEW?

AMENDMENT TO REVENUE SHARE POLICY

Included in your packet today with the current version of the guide.

REVISION TO PROJECTS FUNDED BY TOWNSHIPS POLICY

Included in your packet today with the current version of the guide.

FULL GUIDE REVISIONS WILL BE MADE IN 2024

What do you want/need in the guide to help you as Township Officials?

CURRENT VERSION IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE FOR 24/7 ACCESS

VBCRC.org/Townships

QUESTIONS?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR VBCRC



LINNEA RADER, BRET WITKOWSKI

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE

- **Various financial information can be found on our website. Contact Linnea with any questions or for information not found on our website!**
- **vbcrc.org/financial**



BUDGETS



- **Preliminary budget is adopted during December budget hearing with updates and amendments throughout the year.**
- **vbcrc.org/budget**

ANNUAL REPORT

- **Compiled following the annual audit that occurs in late-Spring.**
- **An individual summary of road and bridge projects by Township is included.**
- **vbcrc.org/annualreports**



BRET'S UPDATES



- **Support Appreciated**
- **Safety is #1!**
- **Township Partnerships**
- **Maximizing Every Dollar**

QUESTIONS?

FINAL

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