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Auditing Procedures Report

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Unit Name	Iron County Road Commission	County	IRON	Type	OTHER	MuniCode	36-0-100
Opinion Date-Use Calendar	6/24/08	Audit Submitted-Use Calendar	6/25/08	Fiscal Year-Use Drop List	2007		

If a local unit of government (authorities & commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is NOT included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

Place a check next to each "Yes" or non-applicable question below. Questions left unmarked should be those you wish to answer "No".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Are all required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2. Does the local unit have a positive fund balance in all of its unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3. Were the local unit's actual expenditures within the amounts authorized in the budget?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4. Is this unit in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Did the local unit adopt a budget for all required funds?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Was a public hearing on the budget held in accordance with State statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7. Is the local unit in compliance with the Revised Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, and other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8. Has the local unit distributed tax revenues, that were collected for another taxing unit, timely as required by the general property tax act?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	9. Do all deposits/investments comply with statutory requirements including the adoption of an investment policy?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10. Is the local unit free of illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to your attention as defined in the Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11. Is the unit free of any indications of fraud or illegal acts that came to your attention during the course of audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division? (If there is such activity, please submit a separate report under separate cover.)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12. Is the local unit free of repeated reported deficiencies from previous years?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	13. Is the audit opinion unqualified? 14. If not, what type of opinion is it? <input type="text" value="NA"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	15. Has the local unit complied with GASB 34 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP)?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	16. Has the board or council approved all disbursements prior to payment as required by charter or statute?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	17. To your knowledge, were the bank reconciliations that were reviewed performed timely?
<input type="checkbox"/>	18. Are there reported deficiencies? <input type="checkbox"/> 19. If so, was it attached to the audit report?

General Fund Revenue:	\$ 6,254,613.00
General Fund Expenditure:	\$ 6,122,882.00
Major Fund Deficit Amount:	\$ 0.00

General Fund Balance:	\$ 987,443.00
Governmental Activities Long-Term Debt (see instructions):	\$ 2,432,452.00

We affirm that we are certified public accountants (CPA) licensed to practice in Michigan. We further affirm the above responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (Reported deviations).

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IRON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

IRON COUNTY
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of County Road Commissioners
Iron County Road Commission
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the governmental major fund of the Iron County Road Commission (a component unit of the County of Iron, Michigan) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Road Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and the major governmental fund of the Iron County Road Commission as of December 31, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2008, on our consideration of the Iron County Road Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and important for assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 3 through 8 and 29 through 30, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Iron County Road Commission's basic financial statements. The schedules listed as supplementary are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Anderson, Tackman & Company P.C.

**Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC
Certified Public Accountants**

June 24, 2008

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Using This Annual Report

The Iron County Road Commission's discussion and analysis is designed to: (a) assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues; (b) provide an overview of the road commission's financial activity; (c) identify changes in the road commission's financial position (its ability to address the next and subsequent year challenges); (d) identify any material deviations from the approved budget; and (e) identify any issues or concerns.

Reporting the Road Commission as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities report information about the road commission as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer the question of whether the road commission as a whole is better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting method, used by most private-sector companies. All of the year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two statements mentioned above, report the road commission's net assets and the changes in them. The reader can think of the road commission's net assets (the difference between assets and liabilities) as one way to measure the road commission's financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the road commission's net assets are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

Reporting the Road Commission's Major Fund

Our analysis of the road commission's major fund begins on page 11. The road commission currently has only one fund, the general operations fund, in which all of the road commission's activities are accounted. The general operations fund is a governmental fund type.

- Governmental funds focus on how money flows into and out of this fund and the balances left at year end that are available for spending. This fund is reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the road commission's general governmental operations and the basic service it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the road commission's services. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) and the governmental fund in a reconciliation following the fund financial statements.

Iron County Road Commission

Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2007

The Road Commission as a Whole

The road commission's net assets increased approximately 36% from \$8.5 million to \$11.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2007. The net assets and change in net assets are summarized below.

Net assets increased \$3,064,575 during the current year primarily due to infrastructure additions for road projects funded by state and federal funds. The investment in capital assets category increased \$2,887,781.

Net assets for the year ending December 31, 2007, is as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Current and Other Assets	\$ 1,562,454	\$ 1,556,340
Capital Assets	<u>12,978,660</u>	<u>10,288,894</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 14,541,114</u>	<u>\$ 11,845,234</u>
Current Liabilities	773,708	976,815
Long-term Liabilities	<u>2,233,193</u>	<u>2,398,781</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,006,901</u>	<u>\$ 3,375,596</u>
Net Assets:		
Investment in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	10,791,120	7,903,339
Restricted	<u>743,093</u>	<u>566,299</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 11,534,213</u>	<u>\$ 8,469,638</u>

Iron County Road Commission

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2007

A summary of changes in net assets for the year ending December 31, 2007 are as follows:

	Governmental Activities	
	2007	2006
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 848,602	\$ 882,086
Operating Grants and Contributions	5,371,454	4,706,402
Licenses and Permits	7,519	2,523
General Revenues:		
Interest Income	11,831	6,058
Gain on Disposal of Equipment	15,000	1,574
Other	207	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 6,254,613</u>	<u>\$ 5,598,643</u>
Program Expenses:		
Primary Roads:		
Heavy Maintenance	-	3,855
Maintenance	794,420	687,008
Local Roads:		
Heavy Maintenance	-	2,893
Maintenance	728,641	842,703
State Trunkline Maintenance	804,698	844,044
Equipment Expenses	194,952	218,365
Administrative	283,912	287,852
Capital Outlay	31,139	24,381
Compensated Absences	(40,857)	(17,341)
Interest Expense	107,202	107,925
Infrastructure Depreciation	285,931	224,272
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 3,190,038</u>	<u>\$ 3,225,957</u>
Increases in Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,064,575</u>	<u>\$ 2,372,686</u>

The Road Commission's Fund

The road commission's general operations fund is used to control the expenditures of Michigan Transportation Fund monies distributed to the county which are earmarked by law for road and highway purposes.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, the fund balance of the general operations fund increased \$131,731 as compared to an increase of \$450,319 in the fund balance for the year ended December 31, 2006. Total revenues were \$6,254,613, an increase of \$367,922 as compared to last year. This increase was due to State Critical Bridge funding for the Old M-69 Bridge project and funding received for construction of Federal Forest Highway 16.

Total expenditures were \$6,122,882, an increase of \$686,510 as compared to last year. Total expenditures for 2007 were increased from 2006 due to the construction of Federal Forest Highway 16 and the completion of the Old M-69 Bridge project.

Budgetary Highlights

Prior to the beginning of any year, the road commission's budget is compiled based upon certain assumptions and facts available at that time. During the year, the road commission board acts to amend its budget to reflect changes in these original assumptions, facts and/or economic conditions that were unknown at the time the original budget was compiled. In addition, by policy, the board reviews and authorizes large expenditures when requested throughout the year.

The budgeted revenues net change from the original budget to the final amended budget amounted to \$608,021, representing a decrease of 8.2%. The primary reasons for the difference between the original and final amended budgets was due to a combination of things. Anticipated property and land sales did not occur and the Tamarack Bridge Project was delayed until 2008.

Budgeted revenue for 2007 was higher than the actual revenue by \$529,505. Actual revenue was lower than budgeted revenue because Michigan Transportation Funds declined approximately \$14,000, primary heavy maintenance revenue was down by \$171,000 and the Tamarack Bridge project was delayed until 2008.

The final amended budgeted expenditures decreased by \$973,060 over the original budget, representing a decrease of 13.2%. The primary reasons for the difference between the original and final amended budgets are similar to the reasons for the difference relating to revenue.

Iron County Road Commission

Management's Discussion and Analysis December 31, 2007

Road Commission expenditures were projected at \$6,419,079 while actual expenditures were \$6,122,882. The decrease was because the Tamarack Lake Bridge project was delayed until 2008.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

A summary of capital assets for the year ending December 31, 2007 is as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:		
Land and Improvements	\$ 26,568	\$ 26,568
Construction in Progress	3,827,695	1,680,716
Other Capital Assets:		
Buildings and Improvements	3,576,743	3,576,743
Road Equipment	3,572,044	3,651,456
Other Equipment	182,308	182,308
Infrastructure and Improvements	6,613,600	5,471,951
Total Capital Assets at Historic Cost	<u>17,798,958</u>	<u>14,589,742</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(4,820,298)</u>	<u>(4,300,848)</u>
Total Net Capital Assets	<u><u>\$ 12,978,660</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,288,894</u></u>

Current year's major additions included the following:

Various Road Projects	\$ 2,846,935	\$ 1,353,214
Bridge Project	441,693	1,240,913
Trucks/Equipment	3,015	290,576
Buildings and Improvements	-	341,855

Debt

The road commission has limited debt obligations. Bonds issued in prior years have been paid currently. The road commission has long-term debt in the amount of \$2,432,452 which represents compensated absences, and bonds and leases payable. More detailed information about the road commission's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 9 to the financial statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Board of County Road Commissions considered many factors when setting the fiscal year 2008 budget. Changes in overall revenues for 2008 compared to 2007 are expected to decrease. MTF funding is expected to be near the levels of 2006. Cash reserves are expected to be somewhat less in 2008 than in 2007 due to higher fuel costs. The increased fuel prices are negatively impacted many aspects of the road commission operation. It is expected in 2008 to see considerably higher costs of bituminous material, cold patch, road gravel as well as steel products such as grader blades.

The Board realized, and the reader should understand, that there are not sufficient funds available to repair and/or rebuild every road in Iron County's transportation system. Therefore, the board attempts to spend the public's money wisely and equitably and in the best interest of the motoring public and the citizens of Iron County.

Contacting the Road Commission's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide the motoring public, citizens and other interested parties a general overview of the road commission's finances and to show the road commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Iron County Road Commission administrative offices at 800 W. Franklin Street, Iron River, Michigan 49935.

Basic Financial Statements

Iron County Road Commission

Statement of Net Assets December 31, 2007

ASSETS

Cash and Equivalents	\$	636,278
Accounts Receivable:		
Michigan Transportation Fund		333,645
State Trunkline Maintenance		123,445
Sundry Accounts		29
Inventories:		
Road Materials		384,288
Equipment, Parts and Materials		65,602
Bond Discount		19,167
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)		<u>12,978,660</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u>14,541,114</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$	144,406
Accrued Liabilities		32,039
Deferred Revenue		213,426
Advances from State		153,949
Interest Payable		30,629
Bonds Payable		50,000
Lease Payable		88,030
Compensated Absences		61,229
Noncurrent Liabilities:		
Bonds Payable		2,005,000
Lease Payable		44,510
Compensated Absences		<u>183,683</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,006,901</u>

NET ASSETS

Investment in Capital Assets		
Net of Related Debt	\$	10,791,120
Restricted for County Road		<u>743,093</u>
Total Net Assets	\$	<u>11,534,213</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Iron County Road Commission

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Program Expenses:	
Primary Road Maintenance	\$ 794,420
Local Road Maintenance	728,641
State Trunkline Maintenance	804,698
Net Equipment Expense	194,952
Net Administrative Expense	283,912
Net Capital Outlay	31,139
Compensated Absences	(40,857)
Interest Expense	107,202
Infrastructure Depreciation	<u>285,931</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>3,190,038</u>
Program Revenues:	
License and Permits	7,519
Federal Grants	1,546,034
State Grants	3,038,759
Contributions from Local Units	786,661
Charges for Services	<u>848,602</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>6,227,575</u>
Net Program Revenues	<u>3,037,537</u>
General Revenue	
Investment Earnings	11,831
Gain on Equipment Disposal	15,000
Other Revenue	<u>207</u>
Total General Revenues	<u>27,038</u>
Change in Net Assets	3,064,575
Net Assets:	
Beginning of Year	<u>8,469,638</u>
End of Year	<u>\$ 11,534,213</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Iron County Road Commission

Balance Sheet
December 31, 2007

	<u>Governmental</u> <u>Fund Type</u> General <u>Operating Fund</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 636,278
Accounts Receivable:	
Michigan Transportation Fund	333,645
State Trunkline Maintenance	123,445
Sundry Accounts	29
Inventories:	
Road Materials	384,288
Equipment, Parts, and Materials	65,602
Bond Discount	<u>19,167</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,562,454</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</u>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 144,406
Accrued Liabilities	32,039
Deferred Revenue	213,426
Advances from State	153,949
Interest Payable	<u>31,191</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>575,011</u>
Fund Equities	
Fund Balance	
Unreserved and Undesignated	<u>987,443</u>
Total Fund Equities	<u>987,443</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equities	<u>\$ 1,562,454</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Iron County Road Commission

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet Fund Balance to the Statement of Net Assets For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$ 987,443
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	12,978,660
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(2,431,890)</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 11,534,213</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Iron County Road Commission

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>General Operating Fund</u>
Revenues:	
License and Permits	\$ 7,519
Federal Sources	1,546,034
State Sources	3,038,759
Contributions from Local Units	786,661
Charges for Services	848,602
Interest and Rents	11,831
Other Revenue	<u>15,207</u>
Total Revenues	<u>6,254,613</u>
Expenditures:	
Public Works	6,095,251
Capital Outlay	(281,793)
Debt Service	<u>309,424</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>6,122,882</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	131,731
Fund Balance – January 1, 2007	<u>855,712</u>
Fund Balance – December 31, 2007	<u>\$ 987,443</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Iron County Road Commission

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

Net Change in Fund Balance – Total Governmental Funds	\$	131,731
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statements are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays and infrastructure costs as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.		2,689,765
Repayment of notes/bonds payable is an expenditure in governmental funds, but reduces the long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.		198,015
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.		<u>45,064</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$	<u>3,064,575</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Iron County Road Commission conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Iron County Road Commission.

Effective January 1, 2004, the Road Commission implemented the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Certain of the significant changes in the statement include the following:

- A Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) section providing an analysis of the Road Commission’s overall financial position and results of operations has been included with the financial statements.
- Financial statements prepared use full accrual accounting for all of the Road Commission’s activities, including infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)
- A change in the fund financial statements to focus on major funds.

These and other changes are reflected in the accompanying financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

A. Reporting Entity

The Iron County Road Commission, which is established pursuant to the County Road Law (MCL 224.1), is governed by an elected 5 member Board of County Road Commissioners. The Road Commission may not issue debt without the County’s approval and property tax levies are subject to County Board of Commissioners’ approval.

The criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, “The Financial Reporting Entity,” as amended by GASB Statement No. 39, for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency and whether the financial statements would be misleading if the component unit data were not included. Based on the above criteria, these financial statements present the Iron County Road Commission, a discretely presented component unit of Iron County.

The Road Commission Operating Fund is used to control the expenditures of Michigan Transportation Fund monies distributed to the County, along with other revenues, which are designated for road and highway purposes. The Board of County Road Commissioners is responsible for the administration of the Road Commission Operating Fund.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements**

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the activities of the Iron County Road Commission. There is only one fund reported in the government-wide financial statements.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the Road Commission's assets and liabilities with the difference being reported as either invested in capital assets, net of related debt, or restricted net assets.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

Separate financial statements are provided for the operating fund (governmental fund). The operating fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement, Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Road Commission's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Michigan transportation funds, grants, permits, township contributions and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the government.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible. The Road Commission has not recorded an allowance for uncollectible accounts, and the Road Commission does not anticipate that amount to be material.

Inventories

Inventories are priced at cost as determined on the average unit cost method. Inventory items are charged to road construction and maintenance, equipment repairs and operations as used.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges and similar items), are reported in the operating fund in the government-wide financial statements. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost of purchase or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

GASB Statement 34 requires major networks and major subsystems of infrastructure assets acquired, donated, constructed, or substantially rehabilitated since fiscal years ending June 30, 1980 be inventoried and capitalized by the fourth anniversary of the mandated date of adoption of the other provisions of GASB Statement No. 34. The Iron County Road Commission has capitalized the current year's infrastructure, as required by GASB Statement 34, and has reported the infrastructure assets in the statement of net assets on a prospective basis from 2004 forward.

Depreciation

Depreciation is computed on the sum-of-the-years'-digits method for road equipment and straight-line method for all other assets. The depreciation rates are designed to amortize the cost of the assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

NOTE 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Building	30 to 50 years	Office Equipment	4 to 10 years
Road Equipment & Vehicles	5 to 8 years	Infrastructure – Roads	8 to 30 years
Shop Equipment	10 years	Infrastructure – Bridges	12 to 50 years
Engineering Department	4 to 10 years		

Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the operating fund statement of net assets.

Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Road Commission employment policies provide for vacation benefits to be earned in varying amounts depending on the number of years of service of the employee. The annual vacation benefits earned by each employee are credited at the beginning of the year. An employee who is eligible for vacation leave in excess of twenty (20) days, may, with the consent of the employer, take pay at the employee's regular rate of pay for time in excess of twenty (20) days in-lieu-of vacation leave.

Employees may carry over a maximum of ten (10) days vacation into the next year. An employee leaving the services of the Road Commission will be paid all unused vacation carried over to January 1st up to a maximum of ten (10) days, plus any vacation earned, on a prorated basis to the end of the month of separation, in accordance with the vacation policy in effect at this time.

Road Commission employment policies provide that each full-time employee shall earn sick leave with pay at the rate of eight (8) hours for each month of employment in which the employee is compensated for at least eighteen (18) days, with unlimited accumulation. Upon permanent separation from employment, employees shall be paid for all of his accumulated sick leave at the employee's prevailing rate of pay up to a maximum of ninety (90) days. In the event his balance at time of retirement is over ninety (90) days, all accumulated excess of the ninety (90) days will be paid at the rate of fifty percent (50%).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and affect the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Procedures

Budgetary procedures are established pursuant to PA 621 of 1978, as amended, (MCL 141.421) which requires the County Board of Road Commissioners to approve a budget for the County Road Fund. The Road Commission's Chief Administrative Officer (superintendent/manager) and clerk prepare and submit a proposed operating budget to the Board of Road Commissioners for its review and consideration. The Board conducts a public budget hearing and subsequently adopts an operating budget. The budget is amended as necessary during the year, and is approved by the Board. Also, the Board has authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to amend the Road Commission budget when necessary, without increasing the overall budget, by transferring up to 25 percent from one line item to another. The operating fund budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which is the same basis as the financial statements.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND DEPOSITS

The composition of cash and equivalents as reported in the Statement of Net Assets is presented below:

Financial Statement Presentation:	
Cash and Equivalents	<u>\$ 636,278</u>
Composition of Balances:	
Imprest Cash	\$ 200
Deposits:	
Checking Accounts	986
Held By County Treasurer	<u>635,092</u>
Total	<u>\$ 636,278</u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist solely of checking and saving account deposits.

Michigan statutes authorize the Road Commission to invest in bonds, other direct obligations and repurchase agreements of the United States, certificates of deposit, saving accounts, deposit accounts or receipts of a bank which is a member of the FDIC, commercial paper, bankers' acceptances of United States banks, obligations of the State of Michigan and its political subdivisions, external investment pools, and certain mutual funds.

Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states the public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan.

NOTE 3 - CASH AND DEPOSITS (Continued)

Interest Rate Risk. The Road Commission carries no significant interest rate risk as all of its holdings are in bank accounts with a high degree of liquidity.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments in commercial paper to the top two ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations with a maximum maturity of 270 days. As of December 31, 2007, the Road Commission did not hold any commercial paper.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure the Road Commission's deposits may not be returned. As of December 31, 2007, the Road Commission held \$21,409 in a checking account of which \$21,409 was insured.

The risk disclosures for the Road Commission deposits (in regards to deposits held with the County Treasurer), as required by GASB Statement No. 40, are not available in that the Road Commission's cash deposits are part of the County's common bank account. The Road Commission would receive its proportional share of insurance coverage.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The Road Commission has no significant concentration of credit risk due to the fact that its deposits are with area banks.

Foreign Currency Risk. The Road Commission has no foreign currency risk as it has no deposits or investments in foreign currency.

All deposits for the Road Commission are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTE 4 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the Iron County Road Commission for the current year was as follows:

	Beginning Balances 01/01/07	Additions	Adjustments/ Deductions	Ending Balances 12/31/07
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated				
Land and Improvements	\$ 26,568	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 26,568
Construction in progress	1,680,716	2,146,979	-	3,827,695
Total Non-depreciable Assets	1,707,284	2,146,979	-	3,854,263
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	3,576,743	-	-	3,576,743
Road Equipment	3,651,457	3,015	82,428	3,572,044
Shop Equipment	86,336	-	-	86,336
Engineers' Equipment	22,667	-	-	22,667
Office Equipment	73,305	-	-	73,305
Infrastructure – Roads	5,433,025	1,141,649	-	6,574,674
Infrastructure – Bridges	38,926	-	-	38,926
Total Depreciable Assets	12,882,459	1,144,664	82,428	13,944,695
Total Capital Assets	14,589,743	3,291,643	82,428	17,798,958
Less Accumulated Depreciation				
Buildings and Improvements	582,218	111,896	-	694,114
Road Equipment	3,156,583	196,624	82,428	3,270,779
Shop Equipment	67,454	3,635	-	71,089
Engineers' Equipment	18,036	936	-	18,972
Office Equipment	63,340	2,856	-	66,196
Infrastructure – Roads	411,412	285,227	-	696,639
Infrastructure – Bridges	1,805	704	-	2,509
Total Accumulated Depreciation	4,300,848	601,878	82,428	4,820,298
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	8,581,611	542,786	-	9,124,397
Total Net Capital Assets	\$ 10,288,895	\$ 2,689,765	\$ -	\$ 12,978,660

NOTE 5 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT

Plan Description – The Iron County Road Commission is in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with the Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS). The system provides the following provisions: normal retirement, deferred retirement, service retirement allowance, disability retirement allowance, non-duty connected death and post retirement adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries. The most recent period for which actuarial data was available was for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

NOTE 5 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT (continued)

MERS was organized pursuant to Section 12a of Public Act 156 of 1851 (MSA 5.333 (a); MCLA 46.12 (a)), as amended, State of Michigan. MERS is regulated under Public Act 427 of 1984, sections of which have been approved by the State Pension Commission. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to MERS at 447 North Canal Street, Lansing, Michigan 48917-9755.

The Road Commission offers its participants either benefits B-3 or B-4. Under benefit B-3, employees shall receive 2.25% of their five-year final average compensation with a maximum benefit of 80% of final average compensation. Under benefit B-4, employees shall receive 2.5% of their three-year final average compensation, with a maximum of 80% of final average compensation. Retirement eligibility and requirement vary by plan division. The most recent actuarial report gives the details of the plan and a copy is on file at the Road Commission office.

Actuarial Accrued Liability – All entries and the annual employer contribution amount were based on the actuarial methods and assumptions used in the December 31, 2006 actuarial valuation. The entry age normal actuarial method was used to determine the disclosure entries.

GASB 25 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/2006)

Actuarial Accrued Liability:	
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	\$ 5,042,036
Terminated employees (vested former members) not yet Receiving benefits	46,124
Current employees –	
Accumulated employee contributions including allocated investment income	116
Employer financed	<u>4,206,002</u>
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 9,294,278
Net Assets Available for Benefits at Actuarial Value (Market Value is \$5,536,640)	<u>5,460,257</u>
Unfunded (Overfunded) Actuarial Accrued Liability	<u>\$ 3,834,021</u>

GASB 27 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/2006)

Fiscal Year Beginning	January 1, 2008
Annual Required Contribution (ARC)	\$ 320,736*
Amortization Factor Used – Underfunded Liabilities (30 years)	0.054719

NOTE 5 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT (continued)

* Based on valuation payroll, but the actual required contribution will be based on current monthly payroll (during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2008) times the computed employer contribution rate(s).

Funding Policy – MERS funding policy provides for periodic employer contributions at actuarially determined rates that, expressed as percentages of annual covered payroll, are designed to accumulate sufficient assets to pay benefits when due.

Annual Pension Costs – The normal cost and amortization payment for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 were determined using an attained age actuarial funding method. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities, if any, were amortized as a level percent of payroll over a period of 30 years. The following table provides a schedule of contribution amounts and percentages for recent years. The Road Commission was required to contribute \$303,330 for the year ended December 31, 2007. Payments were based on contribution calculations made by MERS.

<u>Annual Pension Cost</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Annual Pension Cost (APC)	\$ 305,609	\$ 333,337	\$ 312,733
Percentage of APC Contributed	100%	100%	100%
Net Pension Obligation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
 <u>Aggregate Accrued Liabilities</u>			
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 5,045,678	\$ 5,239,977	\$ 5,460,257
Actuarial Accrued Liability	8,898,836	9,206,783	9,294,278
Unfunded AAL	(3,853,158)	(3,966,806)	(3,834,021)
Funded Ratio	57%	57%	59%
Covered Payroll	1,081,518	1,069,367	1,041,098
UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	356%	371%	368%

For actuarial valuation purposes, the actuarial value of assets is determined on the basis of a calculation method that assumes the fund earns the expected rate of return (8%), and includes an adjustment to reflect market value.

<u>Valuation Division</u>	<u>Contribution Percentage</u>		
	<u>2008*</u>	<u>2007*</u>	<u>2006*</u>
Comm/Sal/Non-Un	26.52%	27.72%	29.29%
Tmstrs Local 328	33.67%	32.50%	30.62%
Hourly Non-Union	24.39%	25.70%	26.78%

* Represents the actuarial required contribution for the fiscal year ended.

NOTE 5 - EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT (Continued)

The assumptions and methods used in the December 31, 2006 actuarial valuation are those adopted by the Retirement Board. The actuarial assumptions were last revised as of December 31, 2004 to reflect the results of the study of plan experience covering the period from December 31, 1998 through December 31, 2003. The actuarial assumptions currently utilized are summarized as follows:

Interest Rate – Funding plan benefits involves the accumulation of assets to pay benefits in the future. These assets are invested and the net rate of investment earnings is a significant factor in determining the contributions required to support the ultimate cost of benefits. For the 2006 actuarial valuation, the net long-term investment yield is assumed to be 8%.

Pay Increases – Because benefits are based on a member's final average compensation, it is necessary to make an assumption with respect to each member's estimated salary progression. The salary increase assumption used in the actuarial valuation projects annual pay increases of 4.5% plus a percentage based on an age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity and promotional pay increases.

Inflation – Although no specific price inflation assumption is needed for this valuation, the 4.5% wage inflation assumption would be consistent with a price inflation of 3% to 4%.

Payroll Growth – For divisions that are not closed to new hires, the number of active members is projected to remain constant, and the total payroll is projected to increase 4.5% annually in the long term.

NOTE 6 - POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

In addition to the benefits described in Note 5, the Iron County Road Commission provides post-employment health care benefits and life insurance benefits, in accordance with the provision of Article 49, Section 3, and Article 50, Section 2 of the union agreement for all retirees who were hired by the Road Commission, and retire under the provided Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System. The post-employment health care benefit provides that the Road Commission will continue to pay the monthly hospitalization insurance plan premium for the retiree only, without the specific drug and dental program, provided he/she makes application for the Medicare card, prior to the effective date of Medicare coverage. The post-employment life insurance benefit provides that the Road Commission will pay for \$8,000 of term life insurance coverage for each retiree. Currently, 28 retirees are eligible for these post-employment benefits. The Road Commission's policy is to finance these benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the year 2007, expenditures of \$198,218 were recognized for post-employment health care benefits, and \$12,442 for life insurance benefits.

NOTE 7 - FEDERAL GRANTS

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requires that all road commissions report all federal and state grants pertaining to their county. During the year ended December 31, 2007, the federal aid received and expended by the Road Commission was \$1,546,034 for contracted projects. Contracted projects are defined as projects performed by private contractors paid for and administrated by MDOT (they are included in MDOT's single audit). Local force account projects are projects where the road commissions perform the work and would be subject to single audit requirements if they expended \$500,000 or more.

NOTE 8 - STATE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE ADVANCE

State equipment purchase advance is determined by a formula applied to the book value of equipment of the previous fiscal year. This amount is adjusted each fiscal year in accordance with the formula and would be refunded to the State Department of Transportation upon termination of the State Highway Maintenance Contract.

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of pertinent information concerning the County Road Commission's long-term debt.

Changes in Long-Term Debt

	<u>1/1/07</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>	<u>Amounts Due Within One Year</u>
Bond Payable:					
Road Commission Facility	\$ 2,100,000	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 2,055,000	\$ 50,000
Installment Purchase Agreements:					
Caterpillar Track-Type Tractor	66,900	-	9,034	57,866	13,356
(2) International Dump Trucks	218,655	-	143,981	74,674	74,674
Vested Employee Benefit Payable:					
Vacation Benefits	20,761	41	-	20,802	5,201
Sick Leave Benefits	265,008	-	40,898	224,110	56,028
Total	<u>\$ 2,671,324</u>	<u>\$ 41</u>	<u>\$ 238,913</u>	<u>\$ 2,432,452</u>	<u>\$ 199,259</u>

NOTE 9 - LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Debt service requirements on long-term debt at December 31, 2007 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Bonds Payable			Lease Purchase Agreements		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2008	\$ 50,000	\$ 93,573	\$ 143,573	\$ 88,030	\$ 4,158	\$ 92,188
2009	50,000	91,698	141,698	14,070	1,596	15,666
2010	50,000	89,823	139,823	14,823	843	15,666
2011	55,000	87,948	142,948	15,617	49	15,666
2012	55,000	85,885	140,885	-	-	-
2013-2017	305,000	394,975	699,975	-	-	-
2018-2022	385,000	322,633	707,633	-	-	-
2023-2027	485,000	224,265	709,265	-	-	-
2028-2032	620,000	95,725	715,725	-	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 2,055,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,486,525</u>	<u>\$ 3,541,525</u>	<u>\$ 132,540</u>	<u>\$ 6,646</u>	<u>\$ 139,186</u>

Bond Payable – Road Commission Facility Project

On January 1, 2003, Michigan Transportation Fund Bonds, Series 2003 in the amount of \$2,300,000 were issued for acquiring, constructing, and furnishing and equipping a new county road commission central garage complex for use by the Iron County Road Commission. Semi-annual payments are due on February 1st and August 1st for a term of 30 years with a variable interest rate between 3.75-5.00%. February 1st payments consist of interest only and August 1st payments consist of principal and interest. Final payment is due on August 1, 2032.

Lease Purchase Agreements – Equipment

In 2005, the Iron County Board of Road Commissioners entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the acquisition of a Caterpillar Track-Type Tractor. Annual payments to Caterpillar Financial Services Corp. of \$15,666 at 5.35% interest are due on the 23rd of January with the final payment due on January 23, 2011.

In 2006, the Iron County Board of Road Commissioners entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the acquisition of two 2006 International 5600 Dump Trucks. Semi-annual payments to Harco Leasing Company, Inc. are due on February 1st and August 1st consisting of both principal and interest, at an interest rate of 4.95%, with a total payment amount of \$76,522. Final payment is due February 1, 2008.

NOTE 10 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grants - The Commission has received significant financial assistance from state and federal agencies in the form of various grants. The disbursement of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreement and are subject to audit by the grantor agency. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the applicable fund of the Commission. In the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims would not have a material effect on any of the financial statements included herein or on the overall financial position of the Commission at December 31, 2007.

Risk Management – The Road Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, employee injuries, as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Road Commission has purchased commercial insurance for medical benefits claims and boiler and machinery coverage. They participate in the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool for claims relating to general liability, excess liability, auto liability, trunkline liability, errors and omissions, physical damage (equipment, buildings and contents) and workers compensation.

The county road commissions in the State of Michigan established and created a trust fund, known as the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (Pool) pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 138 of 1982. The Pool is to provide for joint and cooperative action relative to members' financial and administrative resources for the purpose of providing risk management services along with property and liability protection. Membership is restricted to road commissions and related road commission activities with the State. The Iron County Road Commission became a charter member in 1984.

The Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool program operates as a common risk-sharing management program for road commissions in Michigan, member premiums are used to purchase excess insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductions amounts.

As of December 31, 2007, the Road Commission had no outstanding claims, which exceeded the plan's limits and there has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage over the past three years.

Supplementary Information

Iron County Road Commission

Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Statement of Revenues and Other Financing Sources For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Licenses and Permits				
Permits	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 7,519	\$ 4,519
Federal Sources				
Federal Highway Funds	1,800,000	1,750,000	1,546,034	(203,966)
State Sources				
Michigan Transportation Fund				
Engineering	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Primary Road	3,065,520	2,398,770	-	(2,398,770)
Local Road	649,341	649,341	-	(649,341)
Snow Removal	96,600	96,600	92,270	(4,330)
Allocation	-	-	2,148,259	2,148,259
Other				
State Critical Bridge	-	-	348,304	348,304
STP Buyout	-	-	226,500	226,500
Economic Development Fund				
Forest Road "E" Funds	213,430	213,430	213,426	(4)
Contributions from Local Units				
Townships and others	618,000	787,738	786,661	(1,077)
Charges for Services				
Trunkline Maintenance	670,000	791,527	791,527	-
Trunkline Non-Maintenance	36,000	53,464	53,464	-
Salvage Sales, Land & Building Sales	212,948	12,948	2,861	(10,087)
Other	-	-	750	750
Interest and Rents	2,250	2,250	11,831	9,581
Other Revenue				
Reimbursements	50	50	207	157
Gain on Equipment Disposal	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Operating Revenue	<u>7,392,139</u>	<u>6,784,118</u>	<u>\$ 6,254,613</u>	<u>\$ (529,505)</u>
Fund Balance – January 1, 2007	<u>855,712</u>	<u>855,712</u>		
Total Budget	<u>\$ 8,247,851</u>	<u>\$ 7,639,830</u>		

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Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Comparison Schedule Statement of Expenditures – Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Amended Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Primary Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$ 3,602,600	\$ 3,284,826	\$ 2,828,777	\$ 456,049
Maintenance	621,000	618,000	794,420	(176,420)
Road construction	30,000	30,000	-	30,000
Local Road				
Heavy Maintenance	447,000	447,000	459,851	(12,851)
Maintenance	731,598	731,598	728,641	2,957
State Trunkline Maintenance	670,000	751,234	751,234	-
State Trunkline Non-Maintenance	36,000	53,464	53,464	-
Equipment Expense – Net	(40,000)	60,000	194,952	(134,952)
Administrative Expense – Net	144,700	244,700	283,912	(39,212)
Capital Outlay – Net	(399,000)	(396,000)	(281,793)	(114,207)
Distributive Expense – Net	1,239,000	285,016	-	285,016
Debt Service				
Principal	198,981	198,981	198,015	966
Interest	<u>110,260</u>	<u>110,260</u>	<u>111,409</u>	<u>(1,149)</u>
Total Expenditures	7,392,139	6,419,079	<u>\$ 6,122,882</u>	<u>\$ 296,197</u>
Fund Balance – January 1, 2007	<u>855,712</u>	<u>855,712</u>		
Total Budget	<u>\$ 8,247,851</u>	<u>\$ 7,274,791</u>		

Iron County Road Commission

Analysis of Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Primary Road Fund	Local Road Fund	County Road Commission	Total
Total Revenues	\$ 4,131,230	\$ 1,240,224	\$ 883,159	\$ 6,254,613
Total Expenditures	<u>3,907,613</u>	<u>1,321,647</u>	<u>893,622</u>	<u>6,122,882</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>223,617</u>	<u>(81,423)</u>	<u>(10,463)</u>	<u>131,731</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Optional Transfers In (Out)	<u>(81,423)</u>	<u>81,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(81,423)</u>	<u>81,423</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	142,194	-	(10,463)	131,731
Fund Balance – January 1, 2007	<u>775,842</u>	<u>63,070</u>	<u>16,800</u>	<u>855,712</u>
Fund Balance – December 31, 2007	<u>\$ 918,036</u>	<u>\$ 63,070</u>	<u>\$ 6,337</u>	<u>\$ 987,443</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

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Analysis of Revenues For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Primary Road Fund	Local Road Fund	County Road Commission	Total
Licenses and Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,519	\$ 7,519
Federal Sources	1,546,034	-	-	1,546,034
State Sources				
Michigan Transportation Fund				
Engineering	6,900	3,100	-	10,000
Snow Removal	-	92,270	-	92,270
Allocation	1,485,400	662,859	-	2,148,259
Other				
State Critical Bridge	348,304	-	-	348,304
STP Buyout	226,500	-	-	226,500
Economic Development Fund				
Forest Road	213,426	-	-	213,426
Contributions from Local Units				
Townships	304,666	481,995	-	786,661
Charges for Services				
Trunkline Maintenance	-	-	791,527	791,527
Trunkline Non-Maintenance	-	-	53,464	53,464
Salvage and Timber Sales	-	-	2,861	2,861
Other	-	-	750	750
Interest and Rents	-	-	11,831	11,831
Other Revenue				
Reimbursements	-	-	207	207
Gain on Equipment Disposal	-	-	15,000	15,000
Total Revenue and Other Financing Sources	\$ 4,131,230	\$ 1,240,224	\$ 883,159	\$ 6,254,613

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

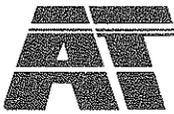
Iron County Road Commission

Analysis of Expenditures For the Year Ended December 31, 2007

	Primary Road Fund	Local Road Fund	County Road Commission	Total
Primary Road				
Heavy Maintenance	\$ 2,828,777	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,828,777
Maintenance	794,420	-	-	794,420
Local Road				
Heavy Maintenance	-	459,851	-	459,851
Maintenance	-	728,641	-	728,641
State Trunkline Maintenance	-	-	751,234	751,234
State Trunkline Non-Maintenance	-	-	53,464	53,464
Equipment Expense – Net	70,631	63,028	61,293	194,952
Administrative Expense – Net	213,785	70,127	-	283,912
Capital Outlay – Net	-	-	(281,793)	(281,793)
Debt Service				
Debt Principal Payments	-	-	198,015	198,015
Interest Expense	-	-	111,409	111,409
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,907,613</u>	<u>\$ 1,321,647</u>	<u>\$ 893,622</u>	<u>\$ 6,122,882</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

Compliance Reports



**REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON
COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Board of County Road Commissioners
Iron County Road Commission
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We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and major governmental fund of the Iron County Road Commission as of and for the year ended December 31, 2007, which collectively comprise the Iron County Road Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2008. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Iron County Road Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Iron County Road Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Iron County Road Commission internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Iron County Road Commission's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Iron County Road Commission's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Iron County Road Commission's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Iron County Road Commission's internal control.

Board of County Road Commissioners
Iron County Road Commission

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Iron County Road Commission's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Governmental Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the Iron County Road Commission in a separate letter dated June 24, 2008.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of commissioners, management, federal and state awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


Anderson, Tackman & Company, PLC
Certified Public Accountants

June 24, 2008



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REPORT TO MANAGEMENT

Board of County Road Commissioners
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We have audited the financial statement of the governmental activities and major fund of the Iron County Road Commission for the year ended December 31, 2007, and have issued our reports thereon dated June 24, 2008. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

Our Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and *Government Auditing Standards*

As stated in our engagement letter dated February 8, 2007, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to express opinions about whether the financial statements prepared by management with your oversight are fairly presented, in all material respects, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit of the financial statements does not relieve you or management of your responsibilities

As part of our audit, we considered the internal control of the Iron County Road Commission. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining our audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the Iron County Road Commission's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit

We performed the audit according to the planned scope and timing previously communicated to you in our meeting about planning matters on May 12, 2008.

Significant Audit Findings

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Iron County Road Commission are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2007. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements was:

Management's estimate of the useful lives of property and equipment for the purpose of calculating depreciation is based on management's past experience with useful lives of similar assets. We evaluate the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives on fixed assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. In addition, none of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Disagreements with Management

For the purpose of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June 24, 2008.

Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditors' opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Comments and Recommendations

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Iron County Road Commission, for the year ended December 31, 2007, we considered the Iron County Road Commission's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

However, during our audit we became aware of matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. The memorandum that accompanies this letter summarizes our comments and recommendations regarding those matters. This letter does not affect our report dated June 24, 2008, on the financial statements of the Iron County Road Commission.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Iron County Road Commission and management of the Iron County Road Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.


Certified Public Accountants

June 24, 2008

UNRECORDED INTEREST

Comment:

We noted unrecorded interest earned in the amount of \$1,530.12 in the 2003 MTFLGO Bond Retirement Fund bank account held by the County Treasurer.

Recommendation:

We recommend interest earned be recorded on the books on a monthly basis.

FIXED ASSETS

Comment:

We noted that not all of the Road Commission's capital assets are being maintained in the computer system, and are being accounted for manually.

Recommendation:

We recommend all capital assets of the Road Commission be maintained in the computer system to alleviate the need to track these assets manually.

**GASB STATEMENT 45 – ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL REPORTING BY EMPLOYERS
FOR POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS**

Comment:

In June 2004, the GASB issued Statement 45, which establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) expense/expenditures and related liabilities (assets), note disclosures, and, if applicable, required supplementary information in the financial reports of state and local governmental employers. OPEB includes post-employment healthcare as well as other post-employment benefits such as life insurance.

The Statement is being implemented in three phases, with the Iron County Road Commission being required to implement the Statement for the year ended December 31, 2009. GASB Statement 45 is going to impact the future accounting of post-employment health insurance costs as it relates to the amount the Road Commission will be required to pay for these benefits. Beginning January 1, 2009, the Road Commission will be required by governmental generally accepted accounting principles to pay the current cost of providing those benefits as well as an amount needed to fund a

portion of the unfunded liability relating to the post-employment health benefit. The unfunded liability will be required to be actuarially determined and will be amortized over a period likely not to exceed thirty years. The methods used as part of Statement 45 are similar to those currently used to determine required contribution rates for defined benefit pension plans.

The Iron County Board of Commissioners as well as Road Commission Management should begin to consider the impact of GASB Statement 45 prior to the required implementation date.