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Changes in the net pension liability during the year were as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)						
	Total		Net				
Changes in Net Descript Link life	Pension	Plan Net	Pension				
Changes in Net Pension Liability	Liability	Position	Liability				
Beginning balance	\$ 10,764,231	<u>\$ 4,570,014</u>	\$ 6,194,217				
Service cost	185,554	-	185,554				
Interest	799,563	-	799,563				
Changes in benefits	_	-	_				
Expected and actual experience	(168,245)	-	(168,245)				
Changes in assumptions	259,615	-	259,615				
Employer contributions	<u>=</u> .	699,603	(699,603)				
Employee contributions	-	75,680	(75,680)				
Net investment income	-	606,897	(606,897)				
Benefit payments	(672,882)	(672,882)	_				
Administrative expenses	-	(9,349)	9,349				
Other changes							
Net changes	403,605	699,949	(296,344)				
Ending balance	<u>\$ 11,167,836</u>	\$ 5,269,963	\$ 5,897,873				

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following presents the Road Commission's net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.60%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6.60%) or 1% higher (8.60%) than the current rate:

	1	1% Decrease Assumed		19	% Increase	
		in Rate to	Γ	Discount Rate	i	n Rate to
	*	6.60%		7.60%		8.60%
Net Pension Liability	\$	7,129,452	\$	5,897,873	\$	4,856,117

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued financial report. To measure the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows or resources related to pension and pension expense, information about the Plan's fiduciary net position and addition to / deduction from fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Plan. The Plan uses the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Investments are stated at fair value. Contribution revenue is recorded as contributions are due pursuant to legal requirements. Benefit payments and refunds of employee contributions are recognized as expense when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Notes to Financial Statements

Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

During the year the Road Commission recognized pension expense of \$154,688. At year-end, the Road Commission reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources:

Description	O	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Outflows of		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Employer contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date Net difference between projected and actual	\$	541,843	\$	-		
earnings on pension plan investments Differences between expected and actual		-		184,127		
experience		129,636		154,590		
Changes in assumptions		360,830	8	-		
Total	<u>\$</u>	1,032,309	\$	338,717		

The amount reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions and will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year Ending	Net				
September 30,	Amount				
2022	\$	105,930			
2023		170,150			
2024		(73,122)			
2025	-	(51,209)			
Total	\$	151,749			

The amount reported as deferred outflows of resources related to employer contributions to the plan made subsequent to the measurement date of \$541,843 will impact the net pension liability in the next fiscal year, as opposed to being amortized to pension expense over a period of years.

NOTE E - Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Crawford County Road Commission Retiree Benefits Plan (CCRCRBP) and additions to/deductions from CCRCRBP's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by CCRCRBP. For this purpose, CCRCRBP recognizes benefit payments when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The CCRCRBP does not issue a publicly available financial report.

Plan Description

The Road Commission administers a single employer defined benefit healthcare plan. The plan provides healthcare benefits for eligible employees and their spouses upon retirement, in accordance with labor contracts. The benefits are provided under the collective bargaining agreement for union employees and by resolution of the Board of County Road Commissioners for nonunion employees.

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Benefits Provided

Beginning at age 65 the Road Commission pays the lesser of 50% or \$150 of the retiree's monthly premium for supplemental insurance. The retiree's spouse at the time of retirement shall be entitled to lesser of 50% or \$100 of the monthly premium for supplemental insurance. The \$100 amount is paid for the retiree's spouse when the spouse is age 65 or older. These benefits are provided for the retiree until death or age 80, whichever event occurs first. If the retiree dies, the surviving spouse continues to receive the benefit until the deceased retiree would have reached the age of 80.

Participants Covered by the Benefit Terms

At year-end, the following participants were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	30
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active employees	28
Total participants	58

Contributions

The Road Commission has no obligation to make contributions in advance of when the insurance premiums or claims are due for payment (in other words, this may be financed on a "pay-as-you-go" basis). For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Road Commission's actuarially determined contribution was \$184,250. The Road Commission paid retiree premiums of \$74,404 during the year and made contributions to the Plan of \$106,233 to pre-fund the liability. Employees are required to contribute to the premium costs in accordance with the benefit provisions described previously.

Net OPEB Liability

The Road Commission's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based the *actuarially determined contribution of the employer (ADC)*, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB Statement 75. The ADC represents the level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal costs each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period of 29 (twenty-nine) years.

Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectation and new estimates are made about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total OPEB liability was determined using the following actuarial assumptions:

Discount Rate
7.35% (blended based on long-term expected and bond rate)
Municipal bond rate
2.43% (20 year Aa, as published by S&P Dow Jones Indices)
Salary increases
3.00%, average, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.35%, net of OPEB plan investment expense

Mortality Public General 2010 Employee and Healthy Retiree, Headcount

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.35%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that the Road Commission will make contributions to the OPEB Trust as outlined in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and on a pay-as-you-go basis for current and future retiree benefit payments. Based on this assumption, the retirement plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make projected future benefit payments of current plan members. For projected benefits that are covered by projected assets, the long-term expected rate was used to discount the projected benefits. Because there is no Depletion Date (Cross-over Point) the effective discount rate is equal to the expected rate of return. This discount rate is used to determine the Total OPEB Liability.

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

Changes in the net OPEB liability during the year were as follows:

	Increase (Decrease)						
	Total		Net				
CI OPERALLI	OPEB	Plan Net	OPEB				
Changes in OPEB Liability	Liability	Position	Liability				
Beginning balance	\$ 1,179,390	\$ 293,940	\$ 885,450				
Service cost	13,648	_	13,648				
Interest	77,440	-	77,440				
Experience (gains) / losses	(83,266)	_	(83,266)				
Changes in assumptions	(42,106)	<u>~</u>	(42,106)				
Benefit payments	(74,404)	(74,404)	-				
Employer contributions – retiree benefits paid	-	74,404	(74,404)				
Employer contributions – plan contributions	_	106,233	(106,233)				
Net investment income	-	58,807	(58,807)				
Administrative expenses	-	(679)	679				
Other			-				
Net changes	(108,688)	164,361	(273,049)				
Ending balance	\$ 1,070,702	\$ 458,301	\$ 612,401				

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the change in the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.35%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6.35%) or 1% higher (8.35%) than the current rate:

	1%	6 Decrease	Assumed		1% Increase		
	i	in Rate to Discount Rate in Ra			in Rate to		
		6.35%	7.35%			8.35%	
Net OPEB Liability	\$	682,570	\$	612,401	<u>\$</u>	549,812	

Sensitivity of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

Due to the fixed-rate structure of the benefits provided by the Plan, the net OPEB liability is not impacted by changes in the healthcare cost trend rate.

Notes to Financial Statements

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

The Road Commission recognized net OPEB expenses of \$10,947 during the year. At year-end, the Road Commission reported deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the OPEB plan from the following sources:

Description	Οι	Deferred Outflows of Resources		Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience Net difference between projected and actual	\$	116,008	\$	55,694
earnings on OPEB plan investments		-		39,099
Changes in assumptions				150,238
Total	\$	116,008	\$	245,031

The amount reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, differences between expected and actual experience and changes in assumptions and will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending	Net					
September 30,	Amount					
2022	\$ (57,590)				
2023	(52,826)				
2024	(11,490)				
2025	(7,117					
Total	\$ (129,023))				

NOTE F – Other Matters

Net Equipment Expenditures Balance

The Road Commission, in compliance with the Uniform Accounting Procedures Manual for Michigan County Road Commissions charges rental on Road Commission equipment used for various construction and maintenance projects performed by the Road Commission. The cost for this rental, which is based on a rental rate per hour established by the Michigan Department of Transportation multiplied by rental hours, is reported as an expenditure in the various maintenance activities. An expenditure credit is reported as an offset against the equipment expenditure activities. Accordingly, the equipment rental does not affect total expenditures or the available operating equity of the Road Commission's General Operating Fund. The net balance in equipment expenditures for the year is comprised of the following:

Equipment –	
Direct	\$ 1,189,238
Indirect	401,753
Operating	237,584
Less equipment rental credits	 (1,053,718)
Total	\$ 774,857

Notes to Financial Statements

Capital Outlay Expenditure Balance

On the governmental financial statements, the Road Commission reports a depreciation credit to offset capital outlay as a result of charging depreciation to various expenditure accounts. The net book value of capital asset retirements is also reported as a credit against capital outlay. The balance in capital outlay expenditures for the year is comprised of the following:

Capital outlay	\$ 307,745
Less equipment retirements	-
Less depreciation / depletion	(660,487)
Total	\$ (352.742)

Risk Management

The Road Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors and omissions, and employee injuries (worker's compensation), as well as medical benefits provided to employees. The Road Commission has purchased commercial insurance for healthcare claims. The Road Commission is a member of the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool (Pool). The Michigan County Road Commission Self-insurance Pool program operates as a common risk-sharing management program for local units of government in Michigan; member premiums are used to purchase excess commercial insurance coverage and to pay member claims in excess of deductible amounts. The pool provides loss coverage includes, but is not limited to, general liability, auto, property insurance, stop loss protection, errors and omissions, trunkline liability and an umbrella policy. The amount the Road Commission pays annually is determined by the Administrator of the Pool and is based on miles of roads, population and prior claim history of the Road Commission. The Road Commission's exposure is limited to \$500 per claim; all other risk is transferred to the Pool. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three (3) fiscal years.

The Road Commission is a member of the County Road Association Self-Insurance Fund for workers' compensation claims. As a member of the fund, the Road Commission is fully insured for workers' compensation claims incurred.

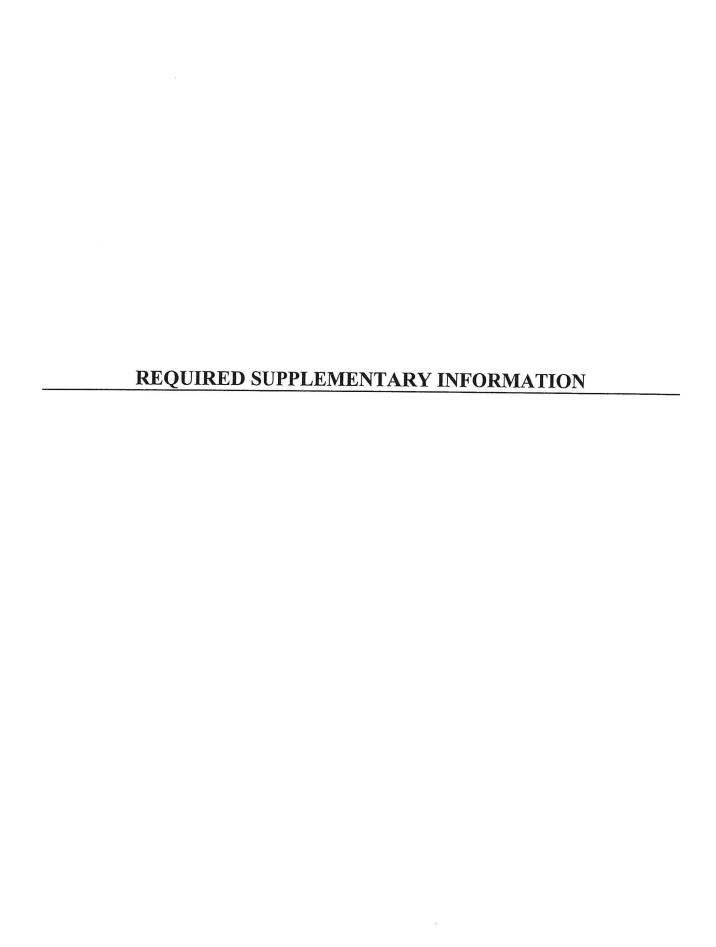
Contingencies

At times, the Road Commission is named as a defendant in various litigation involving lawsuits pending and notices of intent to file suit. Management and legal counsel of the Road Commission expect no material losses in excess of insurances should an unfavorable outcome prevail. No provision for any loss has been made in the accompanying financial statements.

Under the terms of various Federal and State grants periodic audits are required, and certain costs may be questioned as not being appropriate expenditures under the terms of the grants. Such grants could lead to reimbursement to the grantor agencies. However, Road Commission management does not believe such disallowances, if any, will be material to the financial position of the Road Commission.

Federal Award Expenditures / Single Audit

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) requires that Road Commissions report all Federal and State grants pertaining to their County. During the year, the Federal aid received and expended on behalf of the Road Commission was \$268,849 for contracted projects and \$0 for negotiated 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). Negotiated projects are projects where the Road Commission administers the grant and either performs the work or contracts it out. Because the Road Commission expended less than \$750,000 in negotiated projects, a single audit was not required.



General Operating / Road Func

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance - Budget and Actua

	Original Budget	 Final Budget	Actual	 Over (Under) Budget
Property taxes	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 603,503	\$ 53,503
Licenses and permits	20,000	20,000	27,596	7,596
Federal sources				
Various task force	2,371,800	2,371,800	264,849	(2,106,951)
State sources				
Michigan transportation funds				
Engineering	10,000	10,000	-	(10,000)
Snow removal	67,500	67,500	104,388	36,888
Allocation	4,302,000	4,302,000	4,393,170	91,170
Economic development funds				, , , , , ,
Forest road (E)	89,000	89,000	89,055	55
Other				
Other	134,150	134,150	37,836	(96,314)
Contributions from local units				
Townships	720,800	720,800	168,696	(552,104)
Charges for services				
State trunkline maintenance	1,400,000	1 400 000	010.245	(400 (555)
State trunkline non-maintenance	1,400,000	1,400,000	910,345	(489,655)
Other - Trunkline audit adjustments	_	-	1,297,659	1,297,659
Salvage sales	20,000	20,000	306,187 14,675	306,187
	20,000	20,000	14,073	(5,325)
Interest and rentals	4,500	4,500	5,585	1,085
Other				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	_	_	342,931	342,931
Proceeds from sale of yard materials	=	_	134,908	134,908
Total revenue	\$ 9,689,750	\$ 9,689,750	\$ 8,701,383	\$ (988,367)

General Operating / Road Fund

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual (continued)

		Original Budget		Final Budget		Actual		Over (Under) Budget
Primary Road	-		-C 25		_	rictuar	_	Dudget
Preservation / structural improvements Maintenance	\$	1,495,075 960,000	\$	1,495,075 960,000	\$	947,064 938,057	\$	(548,011) (21,943)
Local Road								
Construction / capacity improvements		-		5		138,533		138,533
Preservation / structural improvements Maintenance		720,800		720,800		197,676		(523,124)
	_	1,160,000		1,160,000	_	1,595,465		435,465
Total preservation and maintenance		4,335,875		4,335,875		3,816,795		(519,080)
State trunkline maintenance		1,281,000		1,281,000		910,345		(370,655)
State trunkline non-maintenance		-		=		1,374,789		1,374,789
Administrative (net)		460,000		460,000		274,244		(185,756)
Equipment (net)		(225,000)		(225,000)		774,857		999,857
Capital outlay (net)		=		-		(352,742)		(352,742)
Debt service								
Principal		190,000		190,000		453,768		263,768
Interest		1-1				10,018		10,018
Other		1,709,800		1,709,800		14,103		(1,695,697)
Distributive - other		180,000		180,000		-		(180,000)
Distributive fringe benefits		1,800,000		1,800,000		_		(1,800,000)
Total expenditures		9,731,675		9,731,675		7,276,177		(2,455,498)
Net change in fund balance		(41,925)		(41,925)		1,425,206		1,467,131
Fund balance, beginning of year		2,910,077		2,910,077		2,910,077		
Fund balance, end of year	\$	2,868,152	\$	2,868,152		4,335,283	\$	1,467,131

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

		2021		2020		2010		****						
Total pension liability	_	2021	_	2020		2019	_	2018		2017		2016		2015*
Service cost	S	105 554	ø	105 440	Œ	106 200		100041			-			
Interest	Þ	185,554 799,563	\$	185,448	\$	186,389	\$,	\$	171,605	S	157,370	S	154,944
Changes of benefit terms		799,303		769,803		751,576		728,256		707,800		662,782		641,354
Differences in experience		(169 245)		(107)		(112 (24)		(1,191)		(5,560)		(4,682)		-
Changes in assumptions		(168,245)		259,272		(113,624)		(47,719)		(58,232)		129,045		
		259,615		332,237				-		-		411,691		2 - 8
Benefit payments		(672,882)		(624,472)		(567,561)		(574,858)		(553,731)		(545,430)		(530,067)
Other changes	_	-		l_		(2)		(2)		(2)		2		1
Net change in total pension liability		403,605		922,182		256,778		284,827		261,880		810,778		266,232
Total pension liability - beginning	_	10,764,231	_	9,842,049	_	9,585,271	_	9,300,444		9,038,564		8,227,786	7	,961,554
Total pension liability - ending		11,167,836		10,764,231	\$	9,842,049	_\$	9,585,271	\$	9,300,444	\$!	9,038,564	\$ 8	,227,786
Plan fiduciary net position														
Contributions - employer	\$	699,603	\$	695,563	\$	639,758	\$	596,825	\$	438,313	\$	383,768	\$	381,846
Contributions - member		75,680		81,707		76,826		72,930		62,614		51,442		51,447
Net investment income (loss), net		606,897		540,412		(159,003)		451,718		346,163		(47,573)		197,860
Benefit payments, including refund	ls							12.				(,)		177,000
of member contributions		(672,882)		(624,472)		(567,561)		(574,858)		(553,731)		(545,430)		(530,067)
Administrative expenses		(9,349)		(9,330)		(7,722)		(7,133)		(6,832)		(7,002)		(7,247)
Other		-		-		-		-		(0,022)		(7,002)		(7,247)
Net change in fiduciary net position		699,949		683,880		(17,702)		539,482		286,527	_	(164,795)		93,839
Fiduciary net position - beginning		4,570,014		3,886,134	3	3,903,836		3,364,354	•	3,077,827		3,242,622	3	148,783
Fiduciary net position - ending	\$	5,269,963	\$	4,570,014		3,886,134	-\$	3,903,836		3,364,354		3,077,827	_	242,622
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Net pension liability - ending	<u> </u>	5,897,873	5	6,194,217	\$ 5	5,955,915	_\$	5,681,435	\$ 5	,936,090	\$ 5	,960,737	\$ 4,	985,164
with the second														
Fiduciary net position as a percentage														
of the total pension liability		47.19%		42.46%		39.49%		40.73%		36.17%		34.05%		39.41%
Covered-employee payroll	\$	1,539,561	\$	1,526,994	\$ 1	,525,646	\$	1,485,598	\$ 1	,411,941	\$ 1	,325,779	\$1,	304,600
Net pension liability as percentage														
of covered-employee payroll		383.09%		405.65%		390.39%		382.43%		420.42%		449.60%		382.12%
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^{*} GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented as of September 30, 2015. Information from 2012 through 2014 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer's Net Pension Liability

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015*
Total pension liability	\$ 11,167,836	\$ 10,764,231	\$ 9,842,049	\$ 9,585,271	\$ 9,300,444	\$ 9,038,564	\$ 8,227,786
Plan net position	5,269,963	4,570,014	3,886,134	3,903,836	3,364,354	3,077,827	3,242,622
Net pension liability	5,897,873	6,194,217	5,955,915	5,681,435	5,936,090	5,960,737	4,985,164
Plan net position as a percent of total pension liability	52.81%	57.54%	60.51%	59.27%	63.83%	65.95%	60.59%
Covered payroll	\$ 1,539,561	\$ 1,526,994	\$ 1,525,646	\$ 1,485,598	\$ 1,411,941	\$ 1,325,779	\$ 1,304,600
Net pension liability as a percent of covered payroll	383.09%	405.65%	390.39%	382.43%	420.42%	449.60%	382.12%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented as of December 31, 2015. Information from 2012 through 2014 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer Contributions - Pension

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2020	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015*
Actuarially determined contribution	\$ 556,009	\$ 516,885	\$ 559,096	\$ 497,358	\$ 564,954	\$ 486,300	\$ 381,846
Contributions in relation to the actuarially							
determined contribution Excess contribution	736,009 \$ 180,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 128,500	\$ 91,921	\$ 564,954	\$ 486,300	381,846
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 1,539,561	\$ 1,526,994	\$ 1,525,646	\$ 1,485,598	\$ 1,411,941	\$ 1,325,779	\$ 1,304,600
Contributions as percentage of covered payroll	47.81%	45.64%	45.07%	39.67%	40.01%	36.68%	29.27%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented as of September 30, 2015. Information from 2012 through 2014 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

Total OPEB liability									
Service cost \$13,648 \$26,521 \$37,909 \$42,637 Interest 77,440 36,687 35,491 35,906 Changes of benefit terms - - - - Differences in experience (83,266) 323,166 - - Changes in assumptions (42,106) (340,062) - - Benefit payments (74,404) (126,563) (127,485) (90,579) Other changes - - 41,079 39,886 Net change in total OPEB liability - beginning 1,179,390 1,259,641 1,272,647 1,244,797 Total OPEB liability - ending \$1,070,702 \$1,179,390 \$1,259,641 \$1,272,647 Plan fiduciary net position Contributions - employer \$180,637 \$226,563 \$291,759 \$90,579 Contributions - employer \$180,637 \$24,323 5,726 - Net investment income (loss), net 58,807 24,323 5,726 - Benefit payments, including refunds (74,404) <t< th=""><th></th><th></th><th>2021</th><th></th><th>2020</th><th></th><th>2019</th><th></th><th>2018*</th></t<>			2021		2020		2019		2018*
Interest									
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101 01 22 habitity chang	Net OPEB liability - ending	\$	612,401	\$	885,450	\$ 1	,089,641	\$ 1	,272,647
Fiduciary net position as a percentage	Fiduciary net position as a percentage								
of the total OPEB liability 42.80% 24.92% 13.50% 0.00%			42.80%		24.92%		13.50%		0.00%
Covered-employee payroll \$ 1,539,561 \$ 1,526,994 \$ 1,525,646 \$ 1,485,598	Covered-employee payroll	\$ 1	,539,561	\$ 1	,526,994	\$ 1	,525,646	\$ 1	,485,598
Net OPEB liability as percentage	Net OPEB liability as percentage								
of covered-employee payroll 39.78% 57.99% 71.42% 85.67%			39.78%		57.99%		71.42%		85.67%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 75 was implemented as of September 30, 2018. Information from 2012 through 2017 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer's Net OPEB Liability

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018*
Total OPEB liability	\$ 1,070,702	\$ 1,179,390	\$ 1,259,641	\$ 1,272,647
Plan net position	458,301	293,940	170,000	=
Net OPEB liability	612,401	885,450	1,089,641	1,272,647
Plan net position as a percent of total OPEB liability	57.20%	75.08%	86.50%	100.00%
Covered payroll	\$ 1,539,561	\$ 1,526,994	\$ 1,525,646	\$ 1,485,598
Net OPEB liability as a percent of covered payroll	39.78%	57.99%	71.42%	85.67%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 75 was implemented as of September 30, 2018. Information from 2012 through 2017 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Employer Contributions - OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2020			2020	2019		2018*	
Actuarially determined contribution Contributions in relation to the actuarially	\$	184,250	\$	185,330	\$	72,936	\$	80,942
determined contribution Contribution excess (deficiency)	\$	180,637 (3,613)	\$	226,563 41,233	\$	164,274 91,338	\$	90,579 9,637
Covered-employee payroll	\$	1,539,561	\$:	1,526,994	\$ 1	,525,646	\$	1,485,598
Contributions as percentage of covered- employee payroll		11.73%		14.84%		10.77%		6.10%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 75 was implemented as of September 30, 2018. Information from 2012 through 2017 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Investment Returns - OPEB

Last 10 Fiscal Years Ended September 30,

	2021	2020	2019	2018*
Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expenses	15.91%	8.41%	1.07%	0.00%

^{*} GASB Statement No. 75 was implemented as of September 30, 2018. Information from 2012 through 2017 is not available. Additional years will be presented on this schedule on a prospective basis.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Budgetary Data

The Road Commission's procedures for establishing budgetary data are as follows:

- * The Road Commission Clerk prepares a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1st. The proposed operating budget includes identification of expenditures and resources to finance them.
- * Prior to September 30th, the proposed budget is presented to the Board of County Road Commissioners. The budget is reviewed and may be amended by the Board and a public hearing is held regarding the proposed budget. The budget is then legally enacted through
- * The Road Commission's approved budget was adopted at the activity level. This is the legally enacted level under the State of Michigan Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, since the Board of County Road Commissioners must approve amendments to the budget at the activity level.
- * The budget for the General Operating / Road Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with U.S. GAAP. Budget amounts reported in the financial statements consist of those amounts contained in the formal budget approved and amended by the Board.
- * The Road Commission adopts a budget for the General Operating / Road Fund by means of an appropriations act, on a departmental activity basis in summary form. Periodic internal reporting is on a detail basis in accordance with the State-prescribed uniform chart of accounts consistent with the way the books are maintained. The budget is prepared on the modified accrued basis of accounting.
- * Michigan Public Act 621 of 1978, Section 18(1), as amended, provides that a governmental unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated at the legally adopted level. Variances at the legal level of control are as disclosed on the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget and Actual.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Valuation date

December 31, 2020

Notes

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of the December 31 that is 12

months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method

Entry-age normal

Amortization method

Level percentage of payroll, closed

Remaining amortization period

18 years

Asset valuation method

Open; 10-year smoothed market

Inflation

2.50%

Salary increases

3.00% (plus 0.00% to 11.00% for merit and longevity) 7.35% (net of administrative and investment expenses)

Investment rate of return Retirement age

Age-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition.

Mortality

RP-2014 Group Annuity Mortality Table of a 50% Male and 50% Female blend for non-disabled plan members and 50% Male and 50% Female blend of the RP-2014 Disabled

Retiree Mortality Tables for disabled plan members.

Assumption changes

The 12/31/2019 valuation lowered the projected rate of return from 7.75% to 7.35% and the

rate of wage inflation from 3.75% to 3.00%

MERS adopted demographic assumptions effective with the 12/31/2020 annual

actuarialvaluation, which will impact contributions beginning in 2022.

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Defined Benefit OPEB Plan

Valuation date

September 30, 2021

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method

Entry-age normal

Amortization method

Level percentage of payroll, open

Asset valuation method

Market value

Discount rate

6.70% for 2021 and 2021 contribution. 7.35% for 2021 liability

Remaining amortization period 20-year Aa municipal bond rate

6 years 2.43

Salary increases

3.00%

Return on plan assets

7.35%

Mortality rates

2010 Public General Employees and Healthy Retirees, Headcount

weighted with 2021 Mortality Improvement Scale

Utilization

100% of covered employees at the valuation date will have the same

coverage at retirement; actual coverage used for non-active

Retirement rates

100% at first eligibility

Marital assumption

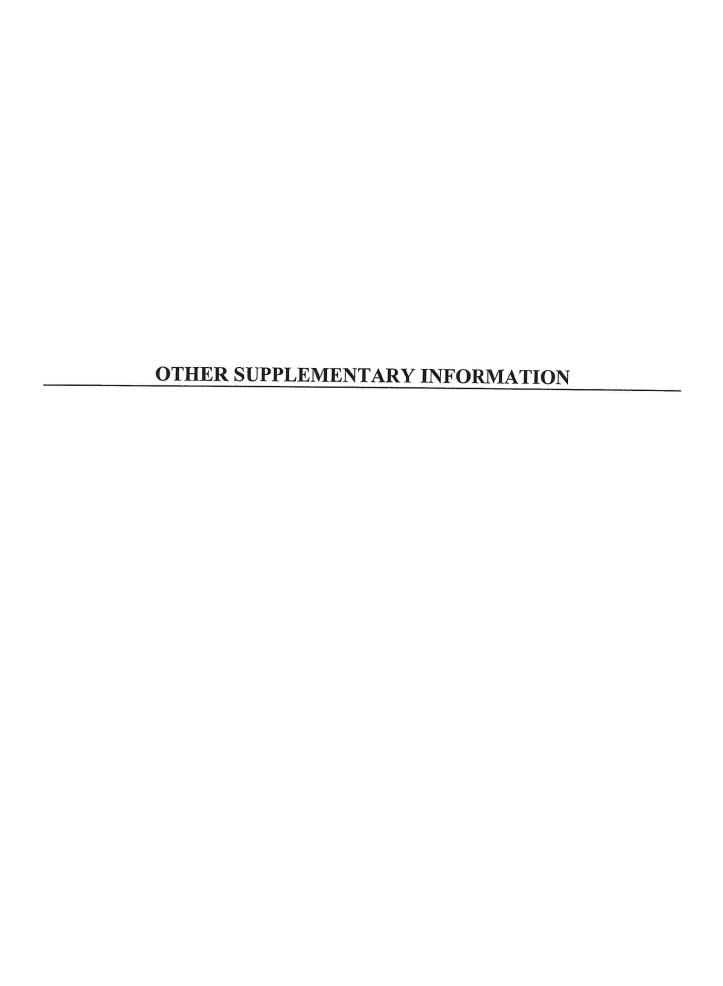
75% of the active with a covered spouse will have a covered spouse at retirement with females 3 years younger than males; actual spouse

data used for retirees

Assumption changes

The 9/30/2020 valuation was performed using valuation software designed specifically for valuing OPEB plans sponsored by municipalities instead of the previously used Alternative Measurement Method. This change, combined with any demographic changes in the members covered by the plan during the previous year, resulted in an actuarial loss (increase in liability) of \$361,771. This loss was offset somewhat by an actuarial gain (decrease in liability) of \$38,605 due to actual benefit payments being lower than expected for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2020. There was also an offsetting gain of \$340,062 due to changes in the actuarial assumptions, primarily, the increase in the discount rate from 3.0% to 6.7%.

Mortality improvement scale was changed from MP-2020 to MP-2021. Salary scale was updated from 3.50% to 3.0%



General Operating / Road Fund Schedule of Revenues by Component

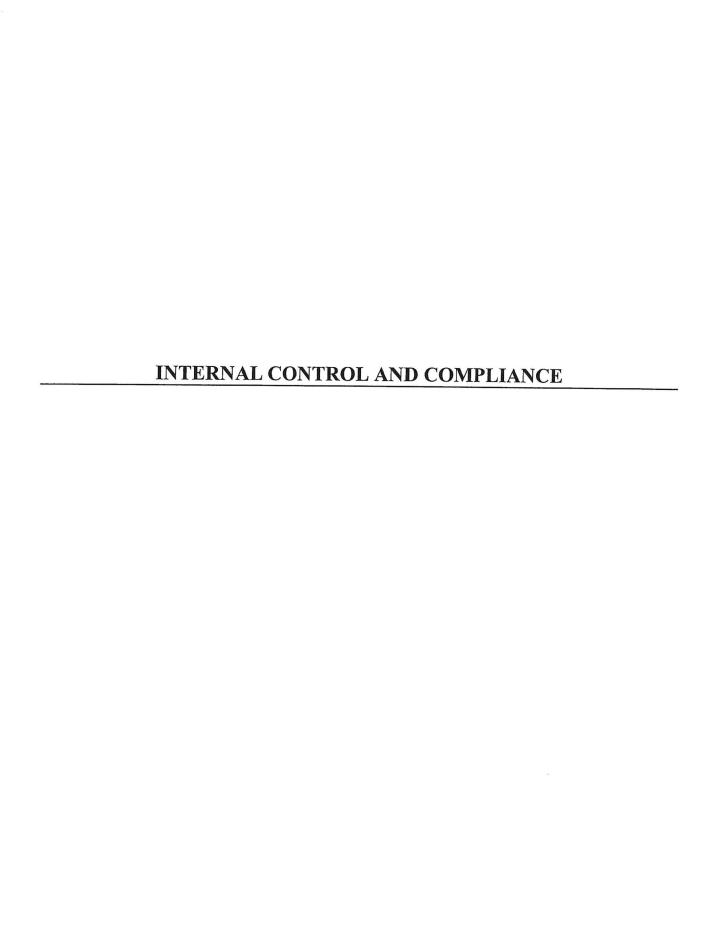
	j	Primary Road Funds	Local Road Funds	County Road Commission Funds	Total
Revenues					
Property taxes	\$	603,503	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 603,503
Licenses and permits		-	-	27,596	27,596
Federal sources					
Other		264,849	-	-:	264,849
State sources					
Michigan transportation funds					
Snow removal		_	104,388	_	104,388
Allocation		2,591,520	1,801,650	_	4,393,170
Economic development func		_,_,_,	-,002,000		1,575,170
Forest road (E)		89,055	_	_	89,055
Other		02,000			07,033
Other		*	37,836	-	37,836
Contributions from local units					
City and Village		-	168,696	-	168,696
Charges for services					
State trunkline maintenance		_	-	910,345	910,345
State trunkline non-maintenance		_	_	1,297,659	1,297,659
Other - Trunkline audit adjustments		_	_	306,187	306,187
Salvage sales		-		14,675	14,675
Interest and rents					
Interest earned		114	2	11	127
Property rentals		-	-	5,458	5,458
Other					
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		328,837	14,094	_	342,931
Other		-	106,498	28,410	134,908
Total revenues	\$:	3,877,878	\$ 2,233,164	\$ 2,590,341	\$ 8,701,383

General Operating / Road Fund Schedule of Expenditures by Component

	Primary Road Funds	Local Road Funds	County Road Commission	
Expenditures	runus	runus	Funds	Total
Construction / Capacity Improvements	\$ -	\$ 138,533	\$ -	\$ 138,533
Preservation / Structural Improvements				
Roads	750,740	196,499	: - -	947,239
Structures	196,324	1,177	_	197,501
Other	-	-	-	-
Maintenance				
Roads	387,452	1,069,161	_	1,456,613
Structures	7,377	24,477	_	31,854
Winter maintenance	395,969	396,754	_	792,723
Traffic control	147,259	105,073	-	252,332
Total construction and maintenance	1,885,121	1,931,674	-	3,816,795
State trunkline maintenance	-	-	910,345	910,345
State trunkline non-maintenance	-	-	1,374,789	1,374,789
Administrative expense (net)	135,449	138,795	-	274,244
Equipment expense (net)	186,626	371,148	217,083	774,857
Capital outlay (net)	(338,244)	(14,498)	-	(352,742)
Debt service				
Principal	453,768	1-	_	453,768
Interest	10,018	-	-	10,018
Other			14,103	14,103
Total expenditures	\$ 2,332,738	\$ 2,427,119	\$ 2,516,320	\$ 7,276,177

General Operating / Road Fund Schedule of Changes in Fund Balance by Component

	Primary Road Funds		Local Road Funds			ounty Road ommission Funds	Total		
Total revenues Total expenditures	\$	3,877,878 2,332,738	\$	2,233,164 2,427,119	\$	2,590,341 2,516,320	\$	8,701,383 7,276,177	
Revenues over (under) expenditures		1,545,140		(193,955)		74,021		1,425,206	
Other financing sources (uses) Interfund transfers		(500,000)		500,000	·		,		
Revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other sources (uses)		1,045,140		306,045		74,021		1,425,206	
Fund balance, beginning of year		2,608,271		36,199		265,607		2,910,077	
Fund balance, end of year	\$	3,653,411	\$	342,244	_\$	339,628	\$	4,335,283	



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Independent Auditor's 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*

To the Board of County Road Commissioners County of Crawford, Michigan Grayling, Michigan

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the *Crawford County Road Commission*, a component unit of Crawford County, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the *Crawford County Road Commission*'s basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered *Crawford County Road Commission's* internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances 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 *Crawford County Road Commission's* internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the *Crawford County Road Commission's* internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2021-1 and 2021-2 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether *Crawford 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 *Government Auditing Standards*.

Road Commission's Responses to Findings

The *Crawford County Road Commission's* written responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Road Commission's responses were not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Road Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Road Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Saginaw, Michigan March 28, 2022

Schedule of Findings and Responses (continued)

For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Finding 2021-1 - Preparation of Financial Statements in Accordance with U.S. GAAP (repeated)

Criteria:

The Road Commission is required to prepare financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). This is a responsibility of the Road Commission's management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining internal books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial reporting).

Condition:

As is the case with many smaller and medium-sized entities, the Road Commission has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the Road Commission's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its *external* auditors, who cannot by definition be considered a part of the government's *internal* controls.

Cause:

This condition was caused by the Road Commission's decision that it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the government to perform this task internally.

Effect:

As a result of this condition, the Road Commission lacks internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and instead relies, in part, on its external auditors for assistance with this task.

View of Responsible Officials:

The Road Commission has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the Road Commission to outsource this task to its external auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

Schedule of Findings and Responses (concluded)

For the Year Ended September 30,2021

Finding 2021-2 – Lack of Segregation of Duties (repeated)

Criteria:

An important component of any internal control system is appropriate segregation of duties over key accounting functions. To provide a system of checks and balances, these functions are generally assigned to different employees to minimize the potential for unauthorized transactions. Ideally, no single individual should be able to authorize a transaction, record the transaction in the accounting records and maintain custody of the assets resulting from the transaction. These includes having separate individuals that are authorized and capable of setting up vendors and processing accounts payable, setting up new employees and processing payroll information, making deposits, initiating ACH transactions and creating and posting manual journal entries. Proper segregation of duties is intended to prevent an individual from committing an act of fraud or abuse and have the ability to conceal it.

Condition:

As is the case with many organizations of similar size, the Road Commission lacks a sufficient number of accounting personnel in order to completely segregate incompatible duties within its accounting function.

Cause:

Sufficient resources and staff are not available to adequately segregate these functions. Additionally, the benefit of separating these duties does not appear to exceed the costs associated with the additional personnel that would be required to segregate all incompatible duties.

Effect:

This condition creates opportunities for inaccurate or unauthorized disbursements or transfers of Road Commission assets and increases the potential for inaccurate reporting of financial activity.

View of Responsible

Officials:

The Road Commission is aware of the weakness in this area and has determined that the strong oversight and involvement of the Board of County Road Commissioners reduces the risk of unauthorized disbursements and inaccurate financial reporting to an acceptably low level.