



## Road Commission of Kalamazoo County

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### Groundbreaking ceremony for new RCKC complex



*RCKC Board of County Road Commissioners break ground at the site of the new complex*

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) broke ground on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 26th Street north of N Avenue in Comstock Township, celebrating the start of construction on our new complex.

The decision to relocate facilities resulted after a 2020 site review study by a certified architectural and engineering construction firm. The Kilgore Road facility has been the home of the RCKC for the majority of its over 110-year existence, with building assets original construction dating back to the 1940s.

The study identified necessary renovations and improvements to our current facility, including cost, energy and operational

efficiencies, location, construction schedule interference with our operations, environmental impacts and property capacity. The study prompted RCKC to compare our renovation limitations from the Kilgore Road facility to a new site. After reviewing the results of the study and comparison, RCKC moved to begin planning the construction of a new facility. The purchase of a 40-acre parcel of land was approved at the September 29, 2020 Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Kalamazoo meeting. RCKC is among a small list of Road Commissions who only have one centrally located facility to service our entire county network of infrastructure.

Phase 1 of the new facility consists of construction of a new building for salt/sand storage and weigh scale. Estimated completion of Phase 1 is fall of 2023. Construction of the remaining facilities, Phase 2 is estimated for the Spring of 2024. The RCKC plans to remain at its current location until 2024. The RCKC thanks all of the attendees and the support of the community for this investment.

*The RCKC has served as the local road professionals of Kalamazoo County since 1909. RCKC remains committed to our goal of using our expertise, energy, and funds to provide the safest and most convenient road system possible, and to contribute to economic development and high quality of life throughout the county.*

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