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New Year Brings New Opportunities for Road Commission

KALAMAZOO, MI – The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) is welcoming four new employees into the positions of Project Engineer, Two Project Superintendents, and a Communications Administrator.

The Project Superintendent roles were created to provide greater support to an increasing number of local road projects. The purpose of these roles will include project management and field inspection. The two Project Superintendent positions were filled by internal candidates. Mr. Bill Oxx and Mr. Edward Klein were both promoted from their Road Maintenance Operator positions in January 2020.

The new Project Engineer joins RCKC from his previous role with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT). Mr. Dean Disterheft begins his role in early March. Similar to the two Project Superintendents, the purpose of the additional Project Engineer is to work on engineering aspects and field inspection of local road projects.

The Communications Administrator is a role completely new to the organization. Also an outside hire, Ms. Elli Blonde joined the team in January 2020. Elli brings relevant experience from the federal sector as well as a public utility. This new position is intended to assist with communication strategies, provide public relations, community engagement and communications support. RCKC is the fourth Road Commission in the State of Michigan to implement a communications position.

The development of these positions took time, but it's a decision made in the best interest of serving the public. According to Assistant Director of Finance and Human Resources, Debra Hill, "We have always held RCKC to high standards of professionalism and excellence in public service. We've identified these roles as opportunities to better position the organization to deliver on those." Managing Director, Joanna I. Johnson, added, "We are a small organization, therefore we appreciate the talents each employee brings to the team and the opportunity to advance those talents in public service."

To view the full organizational chart, please visit: <https://www.kalamazoocountyroads.com/staff.php>

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (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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