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Road Commission of Kalamazoo County managing director elected vice president of statewide road association

Lansing, MI – The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) managing director, Joanna Johnson, was elected vice president of the County Road Association of Michigan (CRA) at the organization’s 2017 Highway Conference on March 16.

Prior to her tenure at RCKC, Johnson was the assistant managing director at the Calhoun County Road Department for over six years. She was also elected to serve on the board of the Association of Southern Michigan County Road Agencies (ASMCRA) where she is the past president and a current member. Since January of 2016, Johnson has also served as the chair of the statewide Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) which provides valuable data on the condition of roads and bridges and expanding the practice of asset management statewide. Johnson has been on CRA’s board since 2015.

“I am truly honored to represent our 83 county road agencies in this capacity, especially as CRA celebrates 100 years as an organization,” said Johnson, who has overseen the operations of RCKC since 2007. “I look forward to working together with the CRA board and our members to maintain safe, efficient and reliable roadways across Michigan.”

A graduate of Western Michigan University’s (WMU) College of Business, Johnson’s background includes human resources and benefit administration. She also received the American Public Works Association Public Works Executive Certification in 2016. She is a member of WMU’s Civil and Construction Engineering Industry Advisory Board, and is a member and past president of the Rotary Club of Kalamazoo – Sunrise.

Other officers elected to the CRA board include Dorothy G. Pohl, CPA, the managing director at the Ionia County Road Commission (ICRC). Pohl was re-elected as CRA’s secretary-treasurer. Pohl has served as secretary-treasurer to the board since 2013, and also served as a board director from 2001 to 2008. She has worked with the ICRC for more than 20 years.

Kent County Road Commission's (KCRC) managing director, Steven A. Warren, was elected president of the CRA board.

The 83 members of the County Road Association of Michigan represent the unified voice for a safe and efficient county transportation infrastructure system in Michigan, including appropriate stewardship of the public's right-of-way in rural and urban Michigan. Collectively, Michigan's county road agencies manage 75 percent of all roads in the state, including 90,000 miles of roads and 5,700 bridges. County road agencies also maintain the state's highway system in 64 counties. Michigan has the nation's fourth-largest local road system.

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