

**PLEASE  
NOTE:**

- **Our Office hours are 6:00am - 4:00pm Monday - Friday**
- **Our offices will be closed on Monday Sept 6th, November 24th and 25th.**

**MISSION  
STATEMENT:**

The mission of the Barry County Road Commission is to maintain all Barry county roads and bridges in a safe and convenient condition for public travel while practicing sound financial management, respect for the environment, and sensitivity to community concerns. This mission is carried out by a skilled hard-working staff.

## Pulling Shoulders

As the summer work load winds down the Barry County Road Commission will begin to work on maintenance problems before winter sets in. One of the most common issues on blacktop roads are high shoulders. Many paved roads have a grass shoulder, which may look attractive, but it can cause large problems. The grass/sod shoulders build up overtime due to mowing and the accumulation of winter maintenance sand. The mulch left behind rots down and the grass comes back up and raises the elevation of the shoulders hindering the run off of rain water. The water not running off properly is a traffic

hazard and can cause the shoulder of the road to wash out. Pulling the sod off the shoulders will allow the water to run to the ditches to carry the water off properly to the designated areas. There are a minimum of two crews that will be working from

the northern townships to the southern townships throughout the county. This is a moving operation that generates dust clouds at times. Please be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.



## Brush Cutting/Roadside

The Barry County Road Commission offers citizens a "NO CUT/NO SPRAY" Permit. By filling out this permit you agree to keep your roadside free of all trees, brush, and tall grasses within the right of way, and 15 feet above the

road surface. We appreciate your cooperation as we try to improve safety for those using county roads. Fewer trees within the public right of way help make Barry County a safer place to travel. Please remember you need to obtain a new

permit each year. The 2010 permits are now available at our office. Thank you to all the landowners who obtained permits in the past and are currently maintaining their roadsides. Your help is greatly appreciated.

# Finkbeiner Road

The Finkbeiner Road Project is currently underway and moving along smoothly and on schedule. It began in early July and the anticipated completion date is July 1, 2011. Road Work is currently taking place at the intersection of M-37 & Finkbeiner and west to Bender Road and will continue west to Cherry Valley Road. The Bridges at Spring Creek and the Thornapple River are both currently under construction. Finkbeiner Road at M-37 Hwy, Arlington

Court and at Bender Road will be closed at times, so please use Cherry Valley Road or seek alternate routes. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause. We know that this is an exciting project for the Community and for the Road Commission but do to OSHA and MIOSHA safety requirements (safety vests, steel toe boots, hardhats, etc.) we

cannot have unauthorized personnel entering the construction site. Please be courteous. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the BCRC at (269) 945-3449 or by email. You can check our website [www.barrycrc.org](http://www.barrycrc.org) for updated information as the project progresses.



*“Public input is very important and always welcome.”*

## 2010 ROAD COMMISSIONERS

The Barry County Board of Commissioners appoints Road Commissioners to six year terms. The Road Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month at 3:00 pm at the Road Commission Main Office.

### 2010 ROAD

#### COMMISSIONERS

- FRANK M. FIALA, *Chairman*
- DAVID DYKSTRA, *Vice Chair*
- DAVID D. SOLMES, *Member*

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