

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners conducted their annual meetings with township officials at the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson, on Tuesday, January 13, 2026.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: Leonard (Denny) Kosewski, James Marsicek, Ken Bower, Darrell Cass, and John Olsen. Also, present were Matt Miller, Henry Golding, and Powers District Foreman Dave Blahnik.

Absent: None.

MEYER TOWNSHIP

(8:30 a.m.) Present for Meyer Township were Supervisor Chad Knodl and Trustee Mark Schoen.

Cass and the Board welcomed the township officials and made introductions.

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-Cass noted that the CR388 project is on track for FY2027.

-Township inquired about incorporating paved roadside parking near baseball field in conjunction with CR388 project. Cass will investigate that possibility.

-Township requested quotes to gravel portions of 44 Rd, 43 Ln off Vega Rd, and 43 Ln west of 579.

-Township requested crack sealing a segment of Frenchtown Rd near Anderson St.

-Township requested estimates for paving 2nd & 3rd Streets in Hermansville. They also inquired about graveling 1st Street parking lot across from the clubhouse.

-Township asked if MDOT could include an apron on US2 paving project at Wildwood in the CR388 area. Cass stated that he would discuss with MDOT.

Township officials left the meeting at 9:00 am.

NADEAU TOWNSHIP

(9:04 a.m.) Present for Nadeau Township were Supervisor Lyle Gearhart and Trustee Jerry Piche. Superintendent & Stephenson District Foreman Scott Phelps, Jr. joined the meeting.

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-Cass announced that Nadeau Township had received a grant to replace all township road name signs, and that they have partnered with the Road Commission to install them. Township will purchase the signs, and the Road Commission will install signs and straighten posts. Posts needing replacement will be purchased by the Township.

-Cass and Township officials discussed partnership with Holmes Township to install grade lift and gravel resurface P-1 / Township Line Rd from Tower Rd to G-18. Road Commission to provide estimate along with various other segments needing gravel resurfacing. Township will provide list. Township inquired about pulverizing a section of Old US-41..

-Township officials noted a stop sign issue at 34 Rd and Ekberg Rd intersection. Cass stated that it would be examined.

Township officials left the meeting at 9:30 am.

HOLMES TOWNSHIP

(9:30 a.m.) Present for Holmes Township were Supervisor Christian Johnson, Clerk Dena Kempf, Treasurer Samantha Fox Sparrow, Trustee Ray Furmanski, and Trustee Mike Zemba.

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-Cass stated that Chalk Hills Rd is a possible candidate for some of the 2026 road millage funds. He also suggested paving Snow Rd from US41 to the existing pavement.

-Phelps noted the need for maintenance gravel on several segments throughout the township.

-Township provided letter listing several priority road segments with a commitment from their board to contribute up to \$25,000 toward projects.

-Township requested estimate to fog seal Cheese Factory Rd and Swanson Rd.

-Township requested estimate to upgrade P-1 / Township Line Rd in partnership with Nadeau Township providing Nadeau board is in agreement.

-Township inquired about proper name for Lance R-1 Road.

Township officials left the meeting at 10:00 am.

DAGGETT TOWNSHIP

(10:04 a.m.) Present for Daggett Township were Supervisor Jim Revall, Clerk Edith Vincent, Trustee Phil Revall, and Trustee Jim Kayser.

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-Cass mentioned that CR360, pulverized last year, is scheduled to be paved in 2027. In the meantime, it will be reviewed for possible grade lifts and culvert replacements / additions.

-Township inquired about paving further to the west in 2027.

-Township requested more ROW brushing in various areas throughout the township.

-Township noted issue with water ponding on CR358 bridge east of US41. Cass will look into it. It may be within the Village of Daggett.

-Township requested estimate to gravel resurface G-1 Rd in partnership with Cedarville Township.

Township officials left the meeting at 10:26 am.

STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP

(10:30 a.m.) Present for Stephenson Township was Supervisor Mark Marklein.

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-Cass mentioned that Old CR352, pulverized last year, is scheduled to be paved in 2026. Culverts replacement will be done in spring.

-Township inquired about partnership project on Meintz Rd to pulverize and pave in the future. Cass to provide estimate to pulverize at 50/50 split and have paved in the future at 80/20 split.

-Township requested Road Commission to look into sealing over replaced culvert on Church Rd.

-Township inquired about the need to replace missing street signs within the township. Cass to provide cost estimate to Township based on Township's list of missing signs.

-Township requested more brushing and patching throughout the township.

Township officials left the meeting at 10:52 am.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Finance Director / Clerk

Chair