

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, February 26, 2026.

Chair Kosewski called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: Leonard Kosewski, Kenneth Bower, James Marsicek, Darrell Cass, John Olsen (by phone). Also present were: Emily Thoune, Henry Golding, Sharon Kleinke, Dan Bartell, Jim Moraska, Jarry Bartnicki, Mike Zemba, and Jason Niemi.

Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance. – The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll Call. – Roll call was taken by Olsen: Kosewski – Present; Bower – Present; Marsicek – Present.

Approval of Agenda. – Moved by Bower, seconded by Marsicek to approve the agenda as presented. Carried unanimously.

Public comments. – Sharon Kleinke requested a traffic count on Jimtown Rd this summer. Cass stated that one would be scheduled. Dan Bartell stated that there is considerable concern from the public regarding the condition of Jimtown Rd. He stated the residents were adamant about not pulverizing without plans to pave the next year, and that the township did not have the funds to participate in such a plan.

Public appearances. – None.

Discuss/approve Township Projects submitted for the Local Roads Program. – Cass provided the board with a list of local road projects to be funded by the Local portion of the Road Millage that townships have agreed to participate in. Township commitments exceeded expectations. Cass and the board discussed each of the projects on the list, noting that the total cost of the projects exceed the Local Road Millage allotment. The board tabled further discussion until after discussing the Primary Road Millage projects in the next agenda item.

Discuss/Approve FY2026 Primary Millage paving project(s). – Cass and Olsen explained the current financial position of the Road Commission. As previously discussed with the board, there are several factors that are straining the budget this fiscal year. Additional funds from the new road funding package are delayed until next year. The Road Commission incurred a capital outlay expense that rolled into FY2026. This winter has been much more costly than in recent years. And MTF funds are currently down 20%, until the new gas tax is distributed. Cass provided the board with several project options for use of the Primary Road Millage, along with an estimated impact on the fund balance for each. The board was made aware that regardless of which project is selected, there is forecast to be a deficit of approximately \$1 million. The board discussed their commitment to expend the annual Road Millage funds in the year received and moved forward with selecting the projects. After discussing the various options, it was moved by Marsicek, seconded by Bower to accept the CR346 paving project based on its ranking and proximity to the Wildwood Rd paving project. Carried unanimously. Having selected the Primary Road segment, the board moved on to committing to the Local Road projects previously discussed. Moved by Marsicek, seconded by Bower to approve the list of local projects as provided by Cass, commit additional road commission funds of approximately \$315,000, and accept an estimated \$1.17M expenditure in excess of anticipated revenues. Carried unanimously.

Other Business. –

-Cass announced that the Powers District Foreman, Dave Blahnik, has decided to retire. Cass will post an internal notice for his replacement.

-Board Members – None.

-County Board Members – None.

Public Comments – Sharon Kleinke inquired if the majority of residents would like to see Jimtown Road pulverized, would the road commission do it? Cass explained that pulverizing would require a commitment to pave the following year. Without commitment, the road would not be pulverized.

Jim Moraska inquired about the participation rate for chip sealing and Road Commission performed pulverizing. Cass stated it is a 50/50 cost share arrangement for chip sealing and in-house pulverizing costs are yet to be determined. Mr. Moraska also asked about the timing of paving bids for Pine Ave. Cass stated that bids will be solicited soon.

There being no further business, it was moved by Bower, seconded by Marsicek to adjourn the meeting. Carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Finance Director / Clerk

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