

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, February 10, 2009.

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

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Chuck Behrend, Jerry Truitt, Thomas Kmiecik, Garry Anderson and Joe Skrobiak.
 ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak thanked the Road Commission for installing the 2 new “Welcome To Holmes Township” signs. Mr. Skrobiak also stated that sand was needed on G18 from CR 577 west.

Public appearances - None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 01/13/09, 01/19/09, 10/26/09, 01/27/09 and 01/29/09 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report - February 10, 2009

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, January 10, 2009				\$1,474,549.47
Receipts thru 01/31/09	177,818.71			
Expenditures thru 01/31/09		292,701.01		
Balance, January 31, 2009				\$1,359,667.17
Michigan Transportation Funds	254,542.27			
Receipts thru 02/9/09	17,072.15			
Expenditures thru 02/9/09		158,122.66		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			105,811.00	
Balance, February 9, 2009	449,433.13	450,823.67	105,811.00	\$1,367,347.93

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 02/19, 03/05 (Est.)			170,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 02/19, 03/05 (Est.)			26,010.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			26,821.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			125,640.00	
Reserve for new rental grader lease			77,584.09	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005)			23,139.08	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)			61,534.71	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)			99,685.06	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds - Wilson Creek Bridge			50,000.00	
Reserve Federal Aid Buy-Out [CR 338 Project]			292,870.08	
Reserve for driveway deposits			3,068.03	
Reserve for Design Engineering for Local Bridges			55,112.12	
Reserve for CR 557 Bridge over Big Cedar River			134,600.00	
Reserve for Pavement Markings			51,000.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.98	
Reserve for equipment			4,824.00	(\$1,362,904.15)
				4,443.78

There being no questions or comments, Anderson declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 09-0131, 09-0021, 09-0024, 09-0025 and 09-0027 - Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Jerry Truitt property on 17.75 Road – Mr. Truitt expressed his concern with gravel from the new road surface being against his garage, making it impossible to open the doors. Moilanen presented photos of the property showing the low terrain and the proximity of the garage to the road and stated that when the road was widened for all-season access, the grade of the road became about 1' higher than before. According to measurements taken at the time of the road construction, the garage had been built in the right of way. Maas asked where the drainage for the road was. Moilanen stated it was on the north side of the road. Mr. Truitt stated he would like new measurements taken to determine where the right of way is. He also needs to have an access road into his property from 17.75 Road. Mr. Truitt's main concern is the aesthetics of the property and its future salability with the road as it is. Options will be looked at in the spring and Mr. Truitt was asked to stake off where he would like the access entrance to be placed. Mr. Truitt left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

Permission to sign contract with Michael Kluck & Assoc. for "as needed" representation – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to allow Moilanen to sign the contract. Carried unanimously.

Resolution for STP funding for painting of centerline and edgeline on Major Collector Roads -

Commissioner Betzinger offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Menominee County Road Commission to paint centerline and edgeline on 295 miles of their Major Collector Roads using STP Funding,

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to complete the forms and contracts for such funds,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Chair or Vice-Chair are herewith authorized and empowered to enter into and sign any and all agreements necessary to receive STP Funds for the projects listed above.

Seconded by Commissioner Maas and carried by the following vote: Ayes 3; Nays 0 .

Discuss letter from the Menominee Conservation District regarding their annual tree sale – Moilanen presented a letter from the Menominee Conservation District requesting the use of the road commission's cold storage area as a tree sale preparation and pickup area from April 9, 2009 to April 22, 2009. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to allow the Conservation District use of the area. Carried unanimously.

Other Business – None.

Public Comment – Joe Skrobiak asked that the Forest Funds received by the road commission be applied to G18, that there are low spots that need to be repaved due to the water pooling there and that the road had a lot of heavy truck traffic on it.

Anderson declared the meeting in recess at 9:37 a.m. until the arrival of Cedarville Township officials. Chuck Behrend, Thomas Kmiecik, Garry Anderson and Joe Skrobiak left the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. for the annual meeting with Cedarville Township officials.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP (10:00 a.m.) Present for Cedarville Township was Lin Peterson, Cedarville Township Supervisor. District Foreman Robert Hanson also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Ms. Peterson, introduced the Road Commissioners and staff and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations.

Road Commission Funding – Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2009. Moilanen explained where the Road Commission's funding comes from and discussed the decrease in MTF Revenues over the past years.

The possibility for a Federal Economic Stimulus package was also discussed, with Moilanen stating that if the current package were to be approved, the Menominee County Road Commission would be eligible for approximately \$545,000 in stimulus funds.

Road Commission 2009 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road

commission has planned for the upcoming year. A possible change to the painting of pavement markings on local roads, due to limited funding, was discussed.

Township account - Moilanen acknowledged the township's zero balance and expressed the Boards' appreciation, noting their prompt payments. Moilanen then talked about the 4% funds appropriated to the townships and reviewed the townships balances. Since the current 4% Set-aside program is ending, Moilanen asked the township to submit any suggestions they may have for a replacement program for local roads construction.

CR 551 – rutting near the cemetery was identified as a priority project. The township's remaining set aside funds may be used for this project.

Ms. Peterson inquired about the amount of dust control brine needed on CR 551 each year. Moilanen will provide this information.

Ms. Peterson asked what happened to old culverts when they are replaced, as some of them seem to be left behind once the work is complete. Moilanen stated that sometimes property owners would ask for the old culverts and the road commission would leave them behind for them. Otherwise the road commission takes them back to the shop and sells them for scrap.

Ms. Peterson also asked why the brush hogs needed to cut so high up on some of the trees, making the trees look unsightly. She also stated that south of CR 366 there was a large tree hanging over the road that needed to be cut. Hanson will look at it and determine if it needs to be limbed or cut down.

Ms. Peterson and District Foreman Hanson left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Anderson declared the meeting in recess at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:35 a.m. Attorney Tom Derderian joined the meeting.

Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to go into closed session to discuss union contract negotiations.
Carried unanimously

The meeting returned to open session at 12:35 p.m.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 12:37 p.m.

Road Commission Clerk

Chair