

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Monday, October 26, 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 Judy Nerat, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell, William Nicholson and Bruce Enstrom.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda – None.

Public comments – None.

Public Appearances – None.

Accept bids for Surplus Equipment – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to accept the high bid for all items and proceed to the next bidder if highest bidder declines. It was also agreed that the road commission will attach the plow to truck # 325 and have the unit weighed prior to pickup by the high bidder. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Graders – Following a lengthy discussion it was moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to return the 3 leased graders when the lease expires in December; and to trade in graders # 450 & 457 toward the lease of one additional new grader. Moilanen will advertise for bids with the deadline for bids to be submitted being November 13, 2009 at 9:00 a.m., with bids being opened at that time. The bid will be awarded by November 25, 2009. Carried unanimously.

Other Business – Maas stated that the area of CR577 between CR320 and Shakey Lakes was full of potholes. Moilanen will have the road looked at.

Moilanen stated he received a notice from Michigan Chloride stating they would hold their price for mineral well brine for next year. It was noted that since the original bids were for a one year period, the road commission would need to advertise for bids again next spring. Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to decline Michigan Chloride's offer. Carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Judy Nerat asked if the road commission was still using mineral well brine for dust control. Moilanen responded yes. John Nerat asked if the road commission had the MSDS sheet for mineral well brine. Moilanen responded that he would check. Darlene Nerat asked if the roads that were returned to gravel would have dust control applied. Moilanen stated that would be up to the townships if they wanted to pay for the dust control, unless they plan to repave the road. William Nicholson asked if a private citizen could pay for the dust control brine to be applied to the roadway. Moilanen stated they would have to discuss it with their township officials and offer to make the payment to them. Betzinger asked if the roads that were returned to gravel needed to be recertified under ACT51. Moilanen will discuss this with MDOT.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director-Clerk

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Road Commission Chair