

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners began their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Monday, January 25, 2010.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Meyer Township Supervisor Bob Gurgall, Meyer Township Trustee Bob Whitens and Raymond Betters-MCRC Powers District foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MEYER TOWNSHIP

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and encouraged township officials to call at any time with questions or concerns about Road Commission operations. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2010.

Road Commission 2010 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Meyer Township projects were discussed as follows: Per Supervisor Gurgall, Vega Road is still a top priority for the township. The township has received complaints about the road going from paved to gravel. Township officials are applying for a Block Grant to pave Vega Road and R-3 Road, but the grant requires a 10% match. Supervisor Gurgall asked if the road commission would consider putting up the 10% match (approximately \$55,000) if the grant was approved. Moilanen stated that if the grant were approved this year the road commission would be able to help out, but finances 2 -3 years out were uncertain.

Other possible projects brought up by the township were W. 3rd Street from US 2 to Golden Shores apartments needs ditching on the north side near the church and possibly pulverized and chip sealed in the future. The Anderson Street portion of CR388 needs work. CR579 in front of Framarin's is in bad shape and needs to be pulverized.

It was also noted that the intersection of Earle Drive and IXL Drive is in need of a stop sign on the old Les Brown Chair (Stewart Manufacturing) driveway extension as there is a safety issue due to the heavy truck traffic.

Meyer Township officials left the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

FAITHORN TOWNSHIP

(6:34 p.m.) Present for Faithorn Township were Treasurer Renee Augustine, Clerk Rose Gagne, and Trustee Peggy Bryant. Robert Hanson, MCRC Stephenson District Foreman also joined the meeting.

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Faithorn Township's number one priority is still Gustafson Road. Cedar Lane, Bird Lane and 36 Road need to be monitored also.

It was noted that the ice on Tarr's Hill and the road near the cemetery is a problem again this year, but a good job has been done with sanding.

CR577 and G-18 to the Menominee River has been identified as a future project once federal aid becomes available.

The possibility of an increase to the gas tax was discussed and Moilanen encouraged everyone to call

State Representative Judy Nerat to support the increase.

Faithorn Township officials and Robert Hanson left the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

GOURLEY TOWNSHIP

(6:54 p.m.) Supervisor Stephen Wery, Treasurer Stephanie Walechka and Trustees Joe Bellmore and Jesse Wery were present for Gourley Township.

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Gourley Township projects were discussed as follows: CR 557, from CR380 to CR374 was listed as a long-term project. It was also noted that the ditching on 35 Lane needs to be monitored.

The possibility of an increase to the gas tax was discussed and Moilanen encouraged everyone to call State Representative Judy Nerat to support the increase.

Supervisor Wery asked if there would be any change to the dust control brine this year. Moilanen stated the only change would be that the road commission would be requesting a three year bid this year rather than a one year contract.

Gourley Township officials left the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

(7:28 p.m.) Supervisor Lillian Schultz, Clerk Phyllis King and Trustee John Nelson were present from Spalding Township.

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Spalding Township priorities were discussed as follows: 36.5 Mile Road – Supervisor Schultz asked for a cost estimate for a lift on the first swamp; Kloman Road – the driveway for the new home across from Otradovec's has no culvert which is causing the water to wash down to the old highway; 400 Road needs work also.

Trustee Nelson asked if the Road Commission has asked the County Board for money for the roads and stated that he feels the road commission should make that request if they haven't already done so. The possibility of an increase to the gas tax was discussed.

Supervisor Schultz asked if the road commission would check the pavement markings near Fazer's Store as they are too faded to see and this is a high traffic area.

Supervisor Schultz will provide Betters with a list of roads where gravel is needed.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned. 8:08 p.m.