

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, August 10, 2010.

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 Joe Skrobiak, John Nerat, Darlene Nerat, Dale Axtell, Duane Sundberg and Jerry Newlin.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda – None.

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak asked why the grader operator did not have the blade down when he went both ways on his road on August 3. Moilanen will check on this. Darlene Nerat asked if the preparation work on No. 7 Road and No. 9 Road would be complete this year. Moilanen stated that the hill cut on No. 9 Road should be completed this year, but No. 7 Road may not be done until next year. Ms. Nerat stated that Menominee Township would like to see both done this year and asked when Moilanen would have an answer on No. 7. Moilanen stated he should know more after Labor Day.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes of 07/13/10 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, July 12, 2010				\$2,000,133.41
Receipts thru 07/31/10	1,558.90			
Expenditures thru 07/31/10		162,355.34		
Balance, July 31, 2010				\$1,839,336.97
Michigan Transportation Funds	289,074.69			
Receipts thru 08/09/10	18,801.51			
Expenditures thru 08/09/10		47,030.86		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			99,418.00	
Balance, August 9, 2010	309,435.10	209,386.20	99,418.00	\$2,000,764.31

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 08/19, 09/02 (Est.)	120,000.00
Soc. Sec. 08/19, 09/02 (Est.)	9,180.00
Reserve for workers compensation insurance	27,348.00
Reserve for liability insurance	48,840.00
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)	92,407.65
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005)	323.45
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)	36,040.50
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)	57,653.47
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Old US2 over Wilson Creek	46,073.64
Reserve for MCRC balance of Old US2 over Wilson Creek	40,000.00
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln Const.	17,632.69

Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln Pave	26,092.51	
Reserve for MCRC balance of Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln Pave	47,907.00	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-County Line Rd. Borings	5,000.00	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Computer Upgrades	0.00	
Reserve for CR 557 Bridge over Big Cedar	1,047.41	
Reserve for Bridge Inspections, Scour & Plans of Action	93,472.50	
Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar River	22,302.25	
Reserve for asbestos removal at old Menominee office	28,425.00	
Reserve for demolition and disposal-old Menominee Office	19,800.00	
Reserve for painting Powers shop	7,255.40	
Reserve for Fuel Monitoring system - Stephenson shop	9,627.80	
Reserve for Inglst. Twp. Share of N. Pinewoods Loop Const.	15,773.04	
Reserve for MCRC Share of N. Pinewoods Loop Const.	15,773.05	
Reserve for N. Pinewoods Loop Paving	86,844.23	
Reserve for No.25 Road Paving (DaggettTwp)	133,511.27	
Reserve for No. 19 Road Paving (Lake Twp)	82,003.37	
Reserve for 3 local bridges (Daggett Twp)	60,793.08	
Reserve for Forest Funds	161,023.47	
Reserve for equipment	417,000.00	(1,729,150.78)
		\$ 271,613.53

Anderson declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 10-0051 and 10-0731 – Maas inquired about the rental of a post hole digger. Moilanen stated that it was used for guard rail repairs. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for concrete footings at Wilson Creek – Bids were received as follows:

Alfredson Brothers Construction Co.	\$10,688.00
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Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas, to award the bid to Alfredson Brothers Construction Co. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Chip Sealing 17.75 Road – A preliminary quote of \$11,000 for the chip sealing was received from Fahrner Construction. Jerry Newlin, Mellen Township Supervisor, stated the township would be agreeable to have the road chip sealed rather than paved, due to the high cost of paving. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Maas to have Moilanen advertise for bids for the project. A special meeting will be held on August 17, 2010 at 9 a.m. to award the bid with a project completion date of September 4, 2010. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid ventilation system for Stephenson shop – Moilanen noted that UP Engineers and Architects had already done the design work on the project. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to have Moilanen advertise for bids. Carried unanimously.

Name voting delegate & alternate for CRASIF Annual Meeting – Moved by Maas, seconded by Anderson, to name Moilanen as the voting delegate and Anderson as the alternate. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Snowplow Safety presentation for elementary students - Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas, to provide Snowplow Safety training to county elementary schools again this year. Carried unanimously.

Set date and time for Annual Budget Hearing – Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger, to schedule the Annual Budget Hearing for 8:45 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010. Carried unanimously.

Any Other Business – Maas asked when the new graders would be delivered. Moilanen stated delivery was scheduled between October 15 – November 1, 2010.

Moilanen stated he had received a letter from Tom and Andrea Geltz regarding flooding on River Road. Moilanen will look at the area and determine if any action is needed.

Moilanen stated he had received a call from Ken Goffin, Menominee Township Supervisor, regarding the Kottenbach Island Causeway. Mr. Goffin asked if the Road Commission would be willing to be named as the applicant on a FEMA Grant submittal to obtain funds to replace the existing culvert with a concrete structure. Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to allow the Menominee County Road Commission to be named as applicant, with Ken Goffin being listed as the alternate contact. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Dale Axtell asked if the new Kottenbach Island Causeway would be at a higher elevation. Moilanen replied that it would not change the elevation, but would allow for the ice jams to pass through more easily, which may not alleviate all flooding problems in the area, but should help considerably. Maas asked what the life span of the proposed concrete box is. Moilanen stated approximately 50 years.

Joe Skrobiak asked for an update on the patch in the Village of Carney. Moilanen stated he has been in contact with the Village of Carney officials.

John Nerat asked if the asbestos removal was complete at the old Menominee Office. Moilanen stated that it was and that the demolition would begin in the next week or so.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair