

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, October 12, 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 Duane Sundberg, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell, Joe Skrobiak, Garry Anderson and Chuck Behrend.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments – Dale Axtell asked if 18th Ave. north to Sobieski Road was designated as all season. Moilanen responded that the portions from 18th Ave to 38th Ave and from No 2 Road north to 6.5 Road were all season, but the approximately 1 mile from 6.5 Road to 7.5 Road was not. Moilanen also noted that whether or not to designate the remaining mile as all season would be discussed at the 2011 annual township meeting.

Mr. Axtell also noted that many of the roads on the south end were in need of gravel on the shoulders. Moilanen stated that the road commission was trying to get this done, but it would probably not be done before winter.

Darlene Nerat asked when the pipes were going to be done on No. 7 Road. Moilanen stated that project was still on the list for this fall. The current priorities are 1. Blue Fox Lane, 2. Pine Creek Rd., 3. No. 7 Road pipes.

Joe Skrobiak asked why the grader didn't finish State W-2. He stated that a good job had been done where it was graded and graveled. Moilanen stated the grader probably got pulled to a different area, but the 2 new graders were now in and once they are operating they should be able to catch up on the grading in all districts.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 09/14/10 and 09/28/10 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Bernie Lang joined the meeting at 9:07 a.m.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, September 13, 2010				\$2,198,603.76
Receipts thru 9/30/10	21,408.89			
Expenditures thru 9/30/10		600,229.75		
Balance, September 30, 2010				\$1,619,782.90
Michigan Transportation Funds	290,124.94			
Receipts thru 10/11/10	0.00			
Expenditures thru 10/11/10		81,490.37		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			89,358.00	
Balance, October 11, 2010	311,533.83	681,720.12	89,358.00	\$1,739,059.47

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 10/14, 10/28 (Est.)	120,000.00
Soc. Sec. 10/14, 10/28 (Est.)	9,180.00
Reserve for workers compensation insurance	18,233.00
Reserve for liability insurance	73,260.00
Reserve for rental grader lease(Dec2009)	92,407.65

Reserve for rental grader lease(Oct2010)	323,179.20	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005)	112.14	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)	24,944.50	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)	46,557.47	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Old US2 over Wilson Creek	27,361.53	
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-Cty Line Rd. Borings	5,000.00	
Reserve for CR 557 Bridge over Big Cedar River	0.00	
Reserve for Bridge Insps, Scour & Plans of Action	93,472.50	
Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar	21,272.75	
Reserve for demolition and disposal of old Menominee Office	19,800.00	
Reserve for painting Powers shop	0.00	
Reserve for HVAC/Ventilation Unit-Steph Shop	83,835.00	
Reserve for Inglst. Twp. Share of N. Pinewoods Loop Const.	15,432.16	
Reserve for N. Pinewoods Loop Paving	3,880.59	
Reserve for No. 25 Road Paving (Daggett Twp.)	0.00	
Reserve for No. 19 Road Paving (Lake Twp)	7,430.49	
Reserve for 3 local bridges (Dagg. Twp)	60,793.08	
Reserve for Forest Funds	0.00	
Reserve for equipment	150,000.00	\$ (1,327,784.26)
		\$ 411,275.21

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

Vouchers # 10-0062, 10-0064, 10-0930 and 11-0001 – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss correspondence from MI Chloride Sales regarding 2011/2012 pricing – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to accept MI Chloride Sales offer to provide Mineral Well Brine for dust control at the same price as 2010. Carried unanimously.

Permission to attend Drug & Alcohol Supervisor Training – Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to send Moilanen, Savord and the 3 District Foremen to the training. Carried unanimously.

Discuss possible road commission participation in County 3-Way Funding Program – Moilanen stated that a meeting was scheduled at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2010 with representatives from the County Board, Road Commission and 4 Township representatives that were selected at the recent MTA Meeting. It was noted that road commission funds could only be used toward projects on ACT51 certified roads. Betzinger suggested that the money be put toward local roads with each township getting a share of the funds. He also asked if there was any grant money available. Moilanen stated that he wasn't aware of any. Maas asked if the USDA had grant funds available for roads. Moilanen stated he thought they provided loans only, not grants. Maas stated she thought that the townships should choose which projects were to be funded by the program.

Eric Husbye joined the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Discuss wage review for Non-Union Hourly personnel – Husbye requested the board go into closed session to discuss the wage review. This item was then moved to the end of the agenda.

Any other business – Maas asked if anything else was going to be done to the face of the Menominee shop building to remove the old plaster now that the office had been removed. Moilanen stated that the door on the front would be replaced before winter, but the finishing of the face of the building would probably not be done until next spring. Betzinger asked about the caps on the roof. Moilanen stated they would be squared off. Moilanen will be meeting with the building inspector to advise him of the road commission's plans.

Moilanen presented an authorizing resolution from Cat Financial for the commissioners to sign. Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to sign the resolution. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen requested permission to go out for proposals for the design of CR338. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to allow Moilanen to receive proposals for the design of CR338. Carried unanimously.

Anderson stated that he had received complaints from some of the employees regarding one of the mechanics riding to work with the stock clerk in a road commission vehicle. The board stated they had no problem with this as long as the stock clerk did not have to deviate from his normal route to work in order to pick the rider up.

Public Comment – Dale Axtell asked who would be representing the townships on the committee to discuss the 3-Way Funding Program. Moilanen stated that the following four representatives had been chosen at the September MTA meeting: Joe Linder, Nadeau Township Supervisor; Lillian Schultz, Spalding Township Supervisor; Paul Anderson, Ingallston Township Supervisor; and Carl Johnson, Ingallston Township Trustee. Also on the committee are Garry Anderson and Charley Meintz from the County Board and Darrell Moilanen and William Anderson representing the road commission. Darlene Nerat asked if the meeting was open to the public. Moilanen stated that since it was a committee meeting only, with no quorum from any of the boards involved, that the meeting would not be advertised as a public meeting.

Darlene Nerat asked what part of CR338 was going to be designed. Moilanen stated it would be the east end from K-3 Lane to CR 346.

Dale Axtell asked when Bay de Noc Road would be submitted for federal aid. Moilanen stated that it was not an all season road so it couldn't be fully funded under federal aid. Only the section from 48th Avenue to Evergreen Road is eligible for federal aid.

Darlene Nerat asked if the west side of CR338 was an all season road. Moilanen stated that the portion from US 41 to Custom Truck & Equipment was all season.

Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to go to closed session at 9:47 a.m. for wage negotiations for the Non-Union Hourly employees. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to return to open session at 10:05 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas that no increase in wages will be given to the Non-Union Hourly personnel at this time. The matter will be looked at again in October, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger asked Moilanen what funds he planned to use for the road commission's \$200,000 match if the County 3-Way Funding Program goes through. Moilanen stated that the annual forest funds would be used, with the approximate \$40,000 balance to come from the road commission's general fund.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

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