

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 11, 2011.

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

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Chuck Behrend, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell and Mark Jasper.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments – Dale Axtell asked how many miles of county road were in Menominee County. He stated that he had paperwork that showed there was about 700 miles, but that Moilanen had recently stated there were over 1100 miles. Moilanen explained that the paperwork showing 700 miles of roads was probably referring to the number of federal aid eligible miles, and that the total number of county road miles was 1,121.

Mark Jasper asked what the road commission’s plan was for spending the \$200,000 from the county board for the 3-way funding program. Moilanen stated some of the ideas that were being considered were to split the funds among the townships based on SEV or road miles. The money could also be used for chip sealing. There were also concerns about whether the cities and villages would be eligible for funds as well. If so, the road commission could not match any of the funds that went to the cities or villages. Moilanen can provide the numbers for the various scenarios to the county board if they want them.

Ken Goffin joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Public appearances – Ken Goffin, Menominee Township Supervisor, stated that Menominee Township wants to pave No. 9 Road using cold roll mix and to double chip seal No. 7 Road. Menominee Township would like to request the bids for these projects on their own, ASAP, so the work can be completed by the end of June, 2011. Menominee Township is willing to pay the road commission for the expense of having road commission personnel inspect the jobs if necessary. The township also plans to go out for bids for crushed gravel to be used on roads within the township, with the road commission reimbursing the township for gravel they use. Mr. Goffin asked what the road commission will be requiring from the townships for cost sharing for paving and construction projects for 2011. Betzinger stated that the road commission would be holding a special meeting in January to discuss upcoming projects for 2011 and the expected cost sharing from the townships. Mr. Goffin also stated that the road commission should assign or find someone to look into and apply for any available grant funds for roads.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 12/13/10, 12/20/10 and 01/03/11 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

| | Receipts | Expenditures | Payables/ Reserves | Balances |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Balance, December 13, 2010 | | | | \$1,778,527.87 |
| Receipts thru 12/31/10 | 828.54 | | | |
| Expenditures thru 12/31/10 | | 148,124.76 | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2010 | | | | \$1,631,231.65 |
| Michigan Transportation Funds | 259,292.32 | | | |
| Receipts thru 01/10/11 | 1,768.02 | | | |
| Expenditures thru 01/10/11 | | 137,681.36 | | |
| State Maint. & Equip. Advances | | | 89,358.00 | |
| Balance, January 11, 2011 | 261,888.88 | 285,806.12 | 89,358.00 | \$1,665,252.63 |

Payables & Reserves

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| Payroll 01/20, 02/03 (Est.) | 130,000.00 | |
| Soc. Sec. 01/20, 02/03 (Est.) | 9,945.00 | |
| Reserve for workers compensation insurance | 18,234.00 | |
| Reserve for liability insurance | 109,890.00 | |
| Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009) | 73,871.12 | |
| Reserve for rental grader lease (Oct 2010) | 323,179.20 | |
| Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005) | 0.00 | |
| Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006) | 24,326.64 | |
| Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007) | 40,251.27 | |
| Reserve for MCRC balance of Old US2 over Wilson Creek | 57,964.15 | |
| 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 | 1,500.00 | |
| Reserve for Bridge Inspections, Scour & Plans of Action | 93,472.50 | |
| Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar River | 10,182.00 | |
| Reserve for HVAC/Ventilation Unit-Steph Shop | 83,835.00 | |
| Reserve for Inglst. Twp. Share of N. Pinewoods Loop Const. | 0.00 | |
| Reserve for No. 19 Road Paving (Lake Twp) | 0.00 | |
| Reserve for 3 local bridges (Daggett Twp) | 1,777.08 | |
| Reserve for Forest Funds | 161,023.46 | |
| Reserve for equipment | 55,974.00 | (1,287,057.62) |
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| | | \$ 378,195.01 |

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

Vouchers # 11-0015, 11-0018, and 11-1231 – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss request from Menominee Conservation District to use road commission building for tree sale – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow the Menominee Conservation District to use the cold storage building at the Stephenson shop from April 20 – May 4, 2011 for their annual spring tree sale. Carried unanimously.

Discuss participation in cost of Public Service Announcements airing on TV 6 – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk not to participate in this cost since a large number of Menominee County residents are unable to view TV6. Carried unanimously.

Discuss sending weighmaster to Truck Traffic Enforcement training – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to send Joque Piatt to the training scheduled for February 1 – 3, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Discuss sending employees to Asset Management training at Delta County Road Commission – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to send Moilanen and Eric Husbye to the training scheduled for February 16, 2011. Carried unanimously.

Discuss sending employees to Soil Erosion & Sedimentation Control training in Gwinn – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to send Moilanen and Eric Husbye to the training. Carried unanimously.

Set date for Special Meeting – A special meeting will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing road projects for 2011.

Discuss Engineer/Manager's contract – Moilanen requested the board go into closed session to discuss his contract. This item was then moved to the end of the agenda.

Any other business – Kakuk stated that he felt it was a good idea to take advantage of training opportunities for road commission personnel.

Public Comment – Darlene Nerat asked what the cost was to maintain a road once it was turned back to gravel. Will it cost more in the long run to maintain the gravel and then eventually have to repave it at a later date?

Mark Jasper left the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

Ken Goffin asked if a township could pass an ordinance to restrict load weights on the local roads. Moilanen stated that they could, but that vehicles referred to in Michigan Vehicle Code as an “Implement of Husbandry” would still be exempt from the ordinance due to state law. Kakuk stated that log trucks were heavy and hard on the local roads also.

Dale Axtell asked if the road commission was exempt from covering their loads on the sand trucks.

John Nerat stated that the road commission should look into purchasing a good hot patch machine as the cold patch does not seem to hold up well.

Discuss Engineer/Manager’s contract – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to go into closed session at 9:55 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to return to open session at 10:27 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Anderson, seconded Kakuk to have Moilanen prepare a draft contract allowing the Engineer/Manager up to two hours of overtime pay per week for one year. The contract will then be reviewed for action at the February 8, 2011 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Kakuk stated he had received a complaint that the northbound right turn lane on US41 by the Wallace school hadn’t been plowed after the last storm. Moilanen will have the foreman check on this.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair