

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 20, 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 Darlene Nerat, Dale Axtell, Paul Anderson, Carl Johnson, Lowell Bengry, David Wesoloski, Mike Armbrust, and Mark Jasper.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda – None.

Public comments – Lowell Bengry, representing the city of Stephenson, stated that the city wanted to go on record that they are interested in participating in the County Board's Three-Way Funding program.

Public Appearances – None.

Discuss 2011 projects – Moilanen presented a handout outlining proposed work for 2011 for the board's review. He also provided estimates of the cost of the construction projects for No. 7 Road and No. 9 Road, recommending a 50/50 split of the costs with Menominee Township. Betzinger asked if the road commission had the money for their share. Moilanen stated that it had been included in the budget.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to participate 50/50 with Menominee Township in the cost of the No. 7 Road and No. 9 Road construction projects. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger stated that he would like to see the road commission develop a new program where projects were rotated evenly through all the townships over the years, with the road commission having the option to set the cost sharing level for each township based on the township's ability to pay.

Discussion was held on the proposed County Board Three-Way Funding program. Moilanen stated that no decisions could be made until the county board approves the funds and decides if the cities and villages would receive a share of the money.

Moilanen asked the board to think about how they would like to use federal aid funds in future years. Some options are chip sealing, paving, and upgrading signs to the new retroreflectivity standards. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Moilanen to apply federal aid to these items as needed. Carried unanimously.

Paul Anderson asked if the township owned signs would need to be upgraded to the new retroreflectivity standards also. Moilanen stated that he believed they would be included.

Other Business – None.

Public Comments – David Wesoloski stated that Menominee Township is preparing a three year plan for projects within their township and if the road commission would be unable to do the work they may go out to bid to private contractors.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director-Clerk

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Road Commission Chair