

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, February 1, 2011.

Chair Betzinger called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Stephenson Township Supervisor Mark Marklein and Robert Hanson-MCRC Stephenson District foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Marklein and introductions were made. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of February, 2011.

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Stephenson Township projects were discussed as follows: Top priority is Wangerin Road, possibly chip sealing (in partnership with Mellen Township). Supervisor Marklein asked if CR348 was federal aid eligible. Moilanen replied that it was once funds were available. The section from US41 to Butchli Road needs to be crushed, shaped & paved.

Mark Jasper, Menominee County Commissioner joined the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Supervisor Marklein asked if the road commission had plans to buy a pothole patching machine. Moilanen stated he hoped to purchase one in the future, but the cost is over \$100,000. An emulsion storage tank would have to be purchased also.

Moilanen stated that G-12 is a long term project also. There is a lot of truck traffic on this road.

Supervisor Marklein stated that the only complaint he has had was that the residents on Pelkey Road would like it paved.

Stephenson Township supervisor left the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

(9:00 a.m.) Present for Lake Township were Supervisor Bob Desjarlais and Trustee Alan Majkrzak.

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Supervisor Desjarlais asked why the township had been billed for labor & equipment for the road

commission to out up the sign on Bear Paw Road. Moilanen stated that it was because Bear Paw Road is a private road and not part of the ACT 51 certification.

Moilanen advised that Lake Township still had \$6,864.34 in 4% Funds and asked what they would like to use it for as the road commission wants to close out the 4% program by the end of the current fiscal year. Supervisor Desjarlais stated they would use it for the engineering design for Cheese Factory Road.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated that CR356 from Linderoth Road to Lance Road is badly heaved up and asked that warning signs be placed.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if the mining company had contacted the road commission about moving River Road. Moilanen stated that they had not and the mine was still in the planning stages yet. Supervisor Desjarlais commented that if road work was done to accommodate a particular business then the business should pay for the full cost, so road commission funds could be used for other projects.

Betzinger asked if Economic Development funds were still available for roads. Moilanen stated that the funds were still available but that a business had to open their books to the state during the application process and some businesses were reluctant to do so.

Supervisor Desjarlais stated that the plow drivers had been doing a good job. He will advise Moilanen if the township decides to have any gravelling done.

Lake Township officials left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

HOLMES TOWNSHIP

(9:35 a.m.) Supervisor Raymond Guard and Trustee Mike Zemba were present for Holmes Township.

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Trustee Zemba asked what the plans were for 29 Road. Moilanen stated that the project was delayed until federal aid funding becomes available, which could be several years.

Also discussed was possibly pulverizing Holmesbrook Road. Trustee Zemba stated that the residents were opposed to this. Swanson Road and Rosebush need work also.

Trustee Zemba asked about the cost of gravel for the upcoming year. Moilanen stated the closest pit for Holmes would be the Topper pit and he will look up the cost per yard and advise Supervisor Guard.

Holmes Township officials left the meeting at 9:52 a.m.

DAGGETT TOWNSHIP

(10:01 a.m.) Supervisor Jim Revall, Clerk Edith Vincent, and Treasurer Tom Kuntze were present from Daggett Township. John Strohl also joined the meeting.

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The township's top priority is upgrading CR360, from M-2 Road then east to K-3 Lane for approximately 1 mile, to all-season road. The road requires grade lifts and tree cutting. Second priority is upgrading CR358 to all-season.

Completion of No. 25 Road, to Johnson's farm (approx. 1.9 miles) is listed as a long term project. The township does not have the necessary funds available for the project at this time. Moilanen suggested that Economic Development Funds may be a possibility due to Johnson's farm being on the road.

Supervisor Revall asked if the road commission would be providing any new funding programs. Moilanen stated there were none in the plans at this time.

Supervisor Revall asked where the mitigation land would be for CR360. Moilanen stated that had not yet been determined. Supervisor also asked if a culvert or a bridge would be needed. Moilanen stated that it hadn't been measured yet.

Mr. Strohl asked if the brushing that was being done on Walnut Road was a precursor to construction work. Moilanen stated that it was being done as a result of the review of past accidents that had occurred on the road.

Supervisor Revall asked if there were specific dates for additional federal aid funding. Moilanen stated that it would probably be until August before any decisions were made.

Daggett Township officials left the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

NADEAU TOWNSHIP

Nadeau Township officials did not attend.

Betzinger asked Moilanen to check Oakwood Road east of US41 in Bagley. He stated that there were large puddles on the road that were causing motorists to hydroplane when approaching the stop sign.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair