

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, February 3, 2011.

Chair Betzinger called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Ingallston Township Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst, Ingallston Township Trustee Carl Johnson, and Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

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Mark Jasper, Menominee County Commissioner joined the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

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Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked if CR338 would be completed this year. Moilanen stated that it would be and that it was scheduled for a June 3, 2011 letting date.

Ingallston Township provided the following list of future projects:

1. Pinewoods Loop, south side construction and paving.
2. CR 338, to all-season status, east end portion 1 ½ miles from Tanvas Lane to CR 346 needs construction and pave.
3. CR 348, east end of township line before the curve, widen and repave (shared cost with Stephenson Township.)
4. Jimtown Road, curve by Hayward Lake Road to M-35, 3 miles, needs recap in the future.
5. Harbor Point Road from Pit Drive to 4 tenths of a mile west, construction and pave.
6. Wildwood Road, construction and pave.
7. Butchli Road, south end, double chip seal.

Trustee Johnson asked about the culverts on the east side of CR338. Moilanen stated that the DEQ is requiring larger pipes be put in. A few years back they had been exposed due to a washout and a plate had been installed at that time. There are 3 culverts and they should be replaced.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked what the purpose was for the culvert extensions along the state highways. Moilanen stated they help prevent scour and were better slope transition.

Trustee Johnson stated he was concerned about the liability due to the condition of the culvert on the east side of CR338 and would like to see it replaced as soon as possible.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(9:02 a.m.) Supervisor Linda Peterson was present for Cedarville Township.

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Supervisor Peterson asked for an explanation of chip seals. Moilanen stated that a single chip seal was appropriate over a paved surface and a double chip seal would be used over a pulverized or gravel surface.

Supervisor Peterson stated that when the grader pushes up gravel by the guard rail on CR551 it was creating a bank of gravel that holds water, causing washouts. Moilanen stated that the area needed a pipe extension, rip rap and possibly new guard rail.

Moilanen stated that brush & tree removal would be done on the east end of No. 29 Road. Supervisor Peterson asked about the bridge on the west end of No. 29 Road. Betzinger stated that the road commission had applied for Critical Bridge funds for this bridge in the past. Moilanen stated that the application had not been funded, but the road commission would continue applying until funding is approved.

Cost of paving CR551 was discussed. Kakuk asked if a chip seal could be done on CR551. Moilanen stated there were some soft spots that need ditching and graveling. The road also has a lot of truck traffic that would need to be considered when making a decision on surfacing the road. Betzinger recommended that the township apply for Hannahville 2% grants to help pay for the project. Supervisor Peterson asked what the maximum amount allowed for the 2% grants was. Moilanen stated that there was approximately \$150,000 available for grants every six months and the next application deadline is March 31, 2011. Supervisor Peterson asked about the County Three Way program funds. Moilanen stated that the program was no longer available. County Commissioner Jasper stated that county did not have funds available for the program. He suggested the township contact Jill Wettuhn for information on the Hannahville 2% Grants.

Supervisor Peterson stated she will be contacting Senator Tom Casperson regarding the state cutting some of the trees on the state land within the township and putting the profits back into the township roads since PILT funds had been cut.

Supervisor Peterson stated that a resident on Blue Fox Lane still wants to gate the road off out to the bay, but other township residents use the road frequently.

Supervisor Peterson left the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

(9:35 a.m.) Present for Spalding Township were Supervisor Lillian Schultz and Trustee John Nelson. MCRC Powers District Foreman Raymond Betters also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials 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.

Trustee Nelson presented a handout of MCL 247.121 and discussed the county board's decision to rescind the Three Way Funding Program. He also stated that if Attorney Dan Hass was correct then the townships could not legally provide funds to the road commission either.

Moilanen presented information regarding upcoming changes to the reflectivity standards for road name signs within the townships and stated that as signs were damaged or stolen, the township would have to replace them with signs that meet the new standards. Supervisor Schultz asked if the federal government was going to provide funding for this mandate. Moilanen stated they were not.

Trustee Nelson asked for an estimate of the cost to replace the signs. Moilanen stated he is working on estimating the number of signs and the cost.

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Spalding Township listed its road priorities as follows:

1. 36.5 Road – lift needed.
2. Oro Road north near Agnes Pirlot's home needs a hill cut and widening.
3. Swamp Road north of the railroad grade floods and needs lifts.
4. Kloman Road – road dips where two culverts are bad.

Trustee Nelson asked if geotextile grid would work on the Kloman Road culverts. Moilanen stated it would not. Trustee Nelson suggested that "Bump" signs be installed until the culverts could be fixed.

Supervisor Schultz stated that the Powers District crew does a great job and she wanted to express her thanks.

Spalding Township officials and Raymond Betters left the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(10:05 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township were Supervisor Gerald Newlin and Treasurer Roger Freis.

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Foreman Kosewski stated that N-1 Road and No. 12 Road both need gravel badly in some areas if the township can afford to do it.

Moilanen stated that CR348 to the west needed work also.

Supervisor Newlin stated that the township residents were satisfied with the chip sealing on Hillside Drive north of G-08.

Supervisor Newlin asked why the time that No. 15 Road was getting plowed out was so erratic, sometimes done in the early morning, other times not until the afternoon. Moilanen will check with the driver.

Supervisor Newlin asked who would be responsible for paying for the road name signs that need to be replaced under the new federal mandate. Moilanen stated it was the township's responsibility.

Treasurer Freis stated that the township's "Zoning Enforced" sign had not been replaced or returned to them when MDOT installed the new signs along US41. Moilanen will check on this.

Supervisor Newlin noted that the "Mellen Township" sign on CR577 is actually a ½ mile into Lake Township and should be relocated. Moilanen will have road commission personnel move the sign.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.