

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a PUBLIC HEARING in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

Chair Betzinger called the hearing to order at 8:45 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mike Delmedico, Roger Cole, Nick Thoney, Eric Thompson, David Wesoloski, Mike Armbrust, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell, Joe Skrobiak, Chuck Behrend and Mark Jasper.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Betzinger stated that public comments should be directed to the board, not other members of the public, and declared that Moilanen was the Hearing Officer. Betzinger then turned the meeting over to Moilanen who explained that a valid abandonment petition had been received and the purpose of the hearing was to hear interested parties for or against the abandonment of a certain road in Lake Township, commencing at the centerline of U-1 Lane, thence 0.9 miles in a northwesterly direction through Section 22, T.35N. – R.28W. in Lake Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Moilanen provided photos of the area and stated that in some areas it is unclear where the road actually is.

Eric Thompson, Unit Manager for the Michigan DNR stated that the DNR is opposed to the abandonment of the road as it provides access to state owned land to the general public for recreational purposes and also to department employees for timber extraction and state forest administration.

Nick Thoney stated that back in 1962-1964 he logged the area and came in from the north, so there was access to the state land from the north.

Roger Cole stated that the road doesn't provide access to the state land. Moilanen stated that the 0.9 mile length may actually reach state lands, but it is unclear where the road bed was in certain areas.

Kakuk stated that he and Betzinger had gone into the area also and that it appeared that the road ended at the creek.

Mike Delmedico stated that there is access to the state owned land from CR356.

Moilanen called three times for any further comments about the proposed Abandonment of this road. There being none, the hearing was closed at 9:02 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 immediately following the Public Hearing.

Chair Betzinger called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mike Delmedico, Roger Cole, Nick Thoney, Eric Thompson, David Wesoloski, Mike Armbrust, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell, Joe Skrobiak, Chuck Behrend and Mark Jasper.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak stated that there is a culvert pushing up on G-18 near the second swamp west of P-1 and asked if a sign could be put up to warn motorists. Moilanen will check on this.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 03/15/11 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, March 14, 2011				1,855,413.38
Receipts thru 03/31/11	631.97			
Expenditures thru 03/31/11		351,553.97		
Balance, March 31, 2011				1,504,491.38
Michigan Transportation Funds	331,882.97			
Receipts thru 04/11/11	2,266.74			
Expenditures thru 04/11/11		60,087.92		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			76,676.00	
Balance, April 11, 2011	334,781.68	411,641.89	76,676.00	1,701,877.17

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 04/14, 04/28 (Est.)			120,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 04/14, 04/28 (Est.)			9,180.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			18,235.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			146,520.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			73,871.12	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			323,179.20	
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			15,059.58	
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-County Line Rd. Borings			1,217.76	
Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar River			5,940.79	
Reserve for HVAC/Ventilation Unit-Steph			83,835.00	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			27,000.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,023.46	
Reserve for equipment			55,974.00	(1,197,246.02)
				504,631.15

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

Vouchers # 11-0031, 11-0033, 11-0331, and 11-0034 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Act on proposed abandonment of 0.9miles of road in Section 22, T.35N.-R.28W. in Lake Township– Moilanen stated that easements needed to be provided showing that all landowners would have access to their properties should the road be abandoned. He also noted that since there is a creek crossing the roadway, a letter would need to be sent to the Michigan DNR and Lake Township giving each entity 30 days to declare whether they would want to take over the maintenance of the road to the water’s edge. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow the abandonment as long as the recorded easements are provided and the DNR and Township reply that they have no interest in maintaining the roadway. Once all documentation is received a resolution will be passed for the abandonment. Carried unanimously.

Roger Cole, Mike Delmedico and Nick Thoney left the meeting.

Discuss 2011/2012 Driveway Plowing – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to continue the

Driveway Plowing program for the 2011/2012 season, noting that the road commission would not be responsible for repair to sod or other damage to private yards during the driveway plowing process. Carried unanimously.

Discuss summer operations at the Menominee shop – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to leave the Menominee shop open for the summer with the Menominee construction crew reporting to and working out of the Stephenson shop during the Old US 41/Wilson Creek con-span project. Carried unanimously.

Discuss possible purchase of patch truck and emulsion tank – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to offer \$25,000 to Dickinson County Road Commission for the purchase of their used patch truck and emulsion tank. Carried unanimously.

Resolutions supporting Critical Bridge replacements –

Commissioner **Kakuk** offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on F-1 Road over Ten Mile Creek which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner **Anderson** and carried by the following vote:
Ayes 3 ; Nays 0.

Commissioner **Anderson** offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 10 Road over the Little River which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner **Kakuk** and carried by the following vote:
Ayes 3 ; Nays 0.

Commissioner **Kakuk** offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 29 Road over Devils Creek which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner **Anderson** and carried by the following vote:
Ayes 3 ; Nays 0.

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 5 Road over the Little River which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Kakuk and carried by the following vote:
Ayes 3 ; Nays 0.

Commissioner Kakuk offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on Deer Park Drive over Little River which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Anderson and carried by the following vote:
Ayes 3 ; Nays 0.

Discuss Hannahville Indian Community request regarding Turtle Lane/No. 39 Road – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to accept the road back into the county system as long as it is built per the plan/specs that were presented to the road commission by the Hannahville Indian Community. Carried unanimously.

Any other business-Road Commission Staff - Moilanen requested permission to accept the proposal submitted by Ayres for the 2011 Bridge Inspections at a cost of \$11,005.00 for the inspections, \$400/each for load ratings and \$300 for the Daggett culvert. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to accept the Ayres proposal. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen requested permission to send Savord to the Unemployment Insurance Agency's Employer Seminar in Marquette on April 26, 2011. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to approve. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that quotes to rent a mower for the summer months were approximately \$4,700.00/month and recommended that we continue to use our current mowers and convert the brush chopper to a mower if needed.

Moilanen stated that quotes to sand blast and paint the plow trucks were received, with the low quote of \$4,155 per truck from Poquette Restoration. Other quotes were from Custom Truck at \$4,800 per truck and Olson Trailer at \$4,745 per truck. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to have the three trucks in the worst condition painted, with road commission personnel doing the welding prep work. Carried unanimously.

It was noted that the 3 commissioners and Moilanen will be attending the Great Lakes Council meeting in Baraga on 05/05/2011.

Any Other Business-Commissioners – None

Public Comment – David Wesoloski stated that he had received a complaint from a resident on Bay de Noc Road that from Linsmeier Road to the church the gravel had been plowed off of the road and

needed to be replaced. Mr. Wesoloski also stated that another constituent was thankful for the patching done on Bay de Noc Road north of No. 6 Road.

Joe Skrobiak stated that a refrigerator had been dumped into the creek on CR577 about ¼ mile North of Banat and wanted to know whose responsibility it would be to pick it up. Moilanen stated that if it is within the road right of way that the road commission would pick it up, time permitting. Mr. Skrobiak also stated that the culvert on G-18 by State W2 may be plugged as the water is not flowing through. Moilanen will check on it.

Darlene Nerat thanked the road commission for installing the culvert at the end on No. 4.5 Road near John Genesee's driveway. Ms. Nerat also asked where the five bridges were located that were being submitted for replacement through the Local Bridge Program. Moilanen provided the locations to her.

Dale Axtell thanked the road commission for keeping the Menominee shop open over the summer months.

Discuss Union Contract negotiations – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to take a brief recess and then go into closed session at 10:09 a.m. to discuss union wage negotiations. Carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Anderson, seconded Kakuk to approve a one-time lump sum payment of \$1,096 per employee, in lieu of a wage increase, to all employees except the Engineer/Manager. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair