

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, May 10, 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, John Nerat, Joe Skrobiak, Charlie Meintz and Mark Jasper.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak thanked the road commission for putting up warning barrels where the culvert is pushing up on G-18 near the second swamp west of P-1.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes of 04/12/11 and 04/29/11 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, April 11, 2011				\$1,778,553.17
Receipts thru 04/30/11	72,286.50			
Expenditures thru 04/30/11		432,749.92		
Balance, April 30, 2011				\$1,418,089.75
Michigan Transportation Funds	258,225.42			
Receipts thru 05/09/11	4,904.66			
Expenditures thru 05/09/11		46,768.48		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			76,676.00	
Balance, May 09, 2011	335,416.58	479,518.40	76,676.00	\$1,557,775.35

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 05/12, 05/26 (Est.)			120,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 05/12, 05/26 (Est.)			9,180.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			27,351.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			11,961.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec, 09)			73,871.12	
Reserve for rental grader leases(Oct, 10)			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-Cty Line Rd Borings			1,217.76	
Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar			5,940.79	
Reserve for HVAC/Ventilation Unit-Steph Shop			88,320.00	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris)			27,000.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,023.46	
Reserve for equipment			30,974.00	\$(1,051,288.02)
				\$ 506,487.33

Betzinger asked when the HVAC system would be completed. Moilanen stated the contractor needed to install the final fan. There being no further questions or comments, Betzinger declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 11-0037, 11-0039, and 11-0430 – Kakuk asked what the payment to UP Engineers & Architects was for. Moilanen stated that it was the final bill for the HVAC design project. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for 2011 Culvert needs – Bids were received and read aloud as follows:

**UP Concrete Pipe Co., Escanaba, MI**

Helically corrugated steel culvert pipe	15"	\$ 7.58
	18"	9.72
	24"	12.10
	36"	23.87
	48"	44.28
	60"	61.67
Helically corrugated steel arch pipe	17"x13"	\$ 7.96
	21"x15"	10.21
	28"x20"	16.52
	42"x29"	25.07
	57"x38"	46.49
	66"x51"	59.51
	71"x47"	80.62
	81"x59"	102.18
Culvert coupling bands for round culvert pipe	15"	\$11.37
	18"	14.58
	24"	18.14
	36"	41.77
	48"	88.56
	60"	123.34
Culvert coupling bands "hugger bands" for arched culvert pipe	17"x13"	\$11.94
	21"x15"	15.31
	28"x20"	24.79
	42"x29"	43.87
	57"x38"	92.99
	61"x51"	119.02
	71"x47"	161.24
	81"x59"	204.36

Note: Prices good through 06/30/11.

**Contech Const. Products, Inc., Kimberly, WI**

Helically corrugated steel culvert pipe	15"	\$ 8.38
	18"	10.48
	24"	13.29
	36"	25.19
	48"	45.39
	60"	56.57
Helically corrugated steel arch pipe	17"x13"	\$ 8.95
	21"x15"	11.23
	28"x20"	17.97
	42"x29"	26.95
	57"x38"	48.70
	66"x51"	68.90
	71"x47"	76.97
	81"x59"	104.49
Culvert coupling bands for round culvert pipe	15"	\$ 12.50
	18"	16.00
	24"	20.00
	36"	38.00

Culvert coupling bands for round culvert pipe (cont.)	48"	68.00
	60"	85.00
Culvert coupling bands "hugger bands" for arched culvert pipe	17"x13"	\$ 13.50
	21"x15"	17.00
	28"x20"	27.00
	42"x29"	40.00
	57"x38"	73.00
	61"x51"	103.00
	71"x47"	115.00
	81"x59"	157.00
<b>St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Charlotte, MI</b>		
Helically corrugated steel culvert pipe	15"	\$ 9.15
	18"	11.60
	24"	14.95
	36"	30.25
	48"	56.60
	60"	72.85
Helically corrugated steel arch pipe	17"x13"	\$10.10
	21"x15"	12.80
	28"x20"	16.50
	42"x29"	33.30
	57"x38"	62.26
	66"x51"	92.00
	71"x47"	103.00
	81"x59"	140.00
Culvert coupling bands for round culvert pipe	15"	\$15.10
	18"	19.25
	24"	24.70
	36"	49.95
	48"	114.00
	60"	145.75
Culvert coupling bands "hugger bands" for arched culvert pipe	17"x13"	\$ 17.00
	21"x15"	22.00
	28"x20"	28.00
	42"x29"	67.00
	57"x38"	125.00
	61"x51"	184.00
	71"x47"	206.00
	81"x59"	280.00

Note: Prices firm for 30 days from bid date. Prices based on full nested truckload quantities.

Jenson Bridge & Supply Co. of Sandusky, MI returned the bid form stating "No Bid".

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson, to have the bids tabulated and then award the bid at the June regular meeting. Carried unanimously.

Update on abandonment of a portion of U-1 Lane – Moilanen advised that a letter had been sent to both the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Lake Township asking if either party wanted to take over maintenance of the road. They have until May 19, 2011 to respond. If both parties decline responsibility for the road and all legal easements allowing adjoining property owners access to their land have been secured and recorded, the road will be abandoned at the June 7, 2011 regular meeting.

Discuss request from county administrator for nominees to serve on ad hoc committee for three way road funding program – Discussion took place regarding there being a quorum of the road commission if two commissioners were to be appointed to the ad hoc committee. Mark Jasper commented that he felt the county board would not have a problem if one road commissioner were nominated along with Moilanen. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk, to nominate Betzinger and Moilanen to serve on the ad hoc committee. Carried unanimously.

Discuss letter from DEQ regarding rare plant species near proposed culvert on CR356 at Rosebush Creek – Correspondence was received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources stating that there may be Western Mugwort present in the proposed construction area for the CR356 culvert on Rosebush Creek. Clearance from the DNR will be needed prior to the project being started. The road commission will need to provide a statement from a knowledgeable source stating whether or not suitable habitat for the plant is present in the work area and why the project will not impact the species or its habitat. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen find someone qualified to provide the required statement. Carried unanimously.

Discuss K-1 Road damage – Moilanen stated that he estimates the cost to repair K-1 Road to be between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Mark Jasper commented that he felt the road commission should meet with the parties involved and try to come to an agreement regarding who would pay for the damages.

Charlie Meintz advised that there were no funds available at the local, county, state or federal level to pay for these types of damage, and that the persons responsible, including the contractor and those that hired him, should take responsibility for paying for the repairs. Mr. Meintz also stated that the Farm Bureau believes that contractors were not included in the agricultural/animal husbandry exemption from weight limits.

Kakuk noted that CR 358 had been damaged also.

Darlene Nerat asked if it were possible to impose a tax on contractors/businesses that haul overweight loads, with the money put aside to be used to repair damage caused by the overweight hauling. Moilanen responded that the road commission has no taxing authority.

John Nerat stated he felt the road commission should start to document the condition of all county roads.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson, to schedule a special meeting with the parties involved to discuss payment of the cost to repair K-1 Road. Carried unanimously.

Permission for Finance Director/Clerk to attend MIOSHA Training – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Savord to attend the training at M-Tec in Escanaba. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – None

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak asked when State W-2 Road would be reopened. Moilanen responded that it should be open by the end of the week.

Mark Jasper commented that he felt it is the correct approach to meet with the parties involved in the K-1 Road damage to try to reach an agreement before any other action is taken, and noted that the spring breakup had been harder than usual this year.

Kakuk noted that Delta County still had weight restrictions in force.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

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Chair