

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, October 11, 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, Dale Axtell, Chuck Behrend, Joe Linder and David Wesoloski.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 09/13/11 and 08/31/11 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report -

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, September 12, 2011				\$1,235,875.61
Receipts thru 9/30/11	52,892.45			
Expenditures thru 9/30/11		221,069.44		
Balance, September 30, 2011				1,067,698.62
Michigan Transportation Funds	277,325.10			
Receipts thru 10/10/11	54,795.26			
Expenditures thru 10/10/11		173,397.82		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			76,676.00	
Balance, October 10, 2011	385,012.81	394,467.26	76,676.00	1,149,745.16
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 10/13, 10/27 (Est.)			130,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 10/13, 10/27 (Est.)			9,945.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			20,029.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			71,766.00	
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)			12,110.91	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)			38,531.03	
Reserve for MCRC balance of Old US2 over Wilson Creek			24,499.56	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln Pave			0.00	
Reserve for MCRC balance of Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln Pave			0.00	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-County Line Rd. Borings			1,217.76	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Sign Truck			22,500.00	
Reserve for siding on Menominee shop			8,512.00	
Reserve for 2011 bridge inspections & load ratings			24,852.50	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			1,673.07	
Reserve for crack sealing various county roads			0.00	
Reserve for dirt work for pavement patches.			112,345.00	
Reserve for paving of pavement patches			156,630.85	
Reserve for Forest Funds			0.00	
Reserve for driveway plowing			2,362.30	
Reserve for equipment			100,000.00	(1,134,025.30)
				\$ 15,719.86

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

Vouchers # 11-0062, 11-0930, and 12-0001 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen presented a letter from Michigan Chloride stating they were willing to hold their prices on mineral well brine for an additional year. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to accept Michigan Chloride’s pricing for 2012. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that the bid spec for blades was ready to be sent out. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson, to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., to open/award the bid. Carried unanimously.

The annual safety training day will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 7:45 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. Moilanen stated that there had been no lost time accidents during the work comp policy year of July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to purchase safety jackets for the employees in honor of this accomplishment. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen asked permission for himself and Savord to attend a meeting in Mt. Pleasant on October 28, 2011 regarding upcoming changes to health insurance with the recently passed legislation. Move by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to grant permission. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger asked the status of the roadside mowing in the county. Moilanen stated that the crews were nearly finished with the mowing. An analysis of the cost to maintain the mowers will be prepared for the October 25, 2011 special meeting.

Betzinger asked for an update on the remaining 4% funds. Moilanen stated that some of the townships wanted to use the funds for gravelling, but our crews did not have time to do the work before it is too late in the season to put down gravel, so that work would have to be done next year.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski asked if shoulder gravelling would be done yet this year. Moilanen stated that due to the current work load it likely would not be done until next year. Mr. Wesoloski also stated that he had received positive comments from township residents regarding the paving on Birch Creek Road and the brushing that had been done in Menominee Township.

Joe Linder asked about the contract for the gravel in the Kraniak pit. Moilanen stated that the contract would be between Iron City Enterprises and the Kraniaks. Mr. Linder asked how the quantity would be measured. Moilanen stated that Iron City would likely use their belt total, a survey of the gravel pile would also be done and that the road commission would double check the amount as they hauled the gravel.

Dale Axtell asked what the ton to yard conversion was for gravel. Moilanen stated there was 1.5 tons per cubic yard. Mr. Axtell asked if the scale on Iron City’s belt was certified. Moilanen replied that he didn’t know.

Darlene Nerat asked where the patches were located that had funds reserved in the financial report. Moilanen stated they were on River Road, Oakwood Road, CR551, CR366 and K-1 Road.

Joe Linder asked if Iron City would be paid by their belt weight. Moilanen replied that they would be paid by the survey amount.

Darlene Nerat asked if the dust control brine would be the same as what was used this year. Moilanen stated that it would be. Joe Linder stated that they had tested having a heavier application of the brine put down on approximately one mile of road and that it had held up for around three months, and that the residents were willing to share the cost of the heavier application.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:24a.m.