

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, October 25, 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.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public Appearances – None.

Open/Award bids for Cutting Edges for Moldboard Assemblies – Bids were received and read aloud as follows:

Nortrax, Inc., Escanaba	6' Steel	\$ 83.97 each
	7' Steel	\$ 97.99 each
	4' Carbide	\$222.23 each
	3' Carbide	\$166.60 each
Total bid: \$40,156.86		

H&L Mesabi, Negaunee	6' Steel	\$ 87.70 each
	7' Steel	\$102.35 each
	4' Carbide	\$261.75 each
	3' Carbide	\$195.00 each
Total bid: \$43,053.50		

Fabco Equip, Marquette	6' Steel	\$ 77.42 each
	7' Steel	\$ 89.34 each
	4' Carbide	\$179.68 each
	3' Carbide	\$134.54 each
Total bid: \$35,884.60		

DA MacPherson, Crystal Falls	6' Steel	\$ 81.37 each
	7' Steel	\$ 94.96 each
	4' Carbide	\$215.36 each
	3' Carbide	\$161.44 each
Total bid: \$38,914.16		

Winter Equip., Willoughby, OH	6' Steel	\$115.54 each
	7' Steel	\$134.80 each
	4' Carbide	No Bid
	3' Carbide	No Bid
Total bid: \$43,328.00		

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to award to the low bidder, Fabco Equipment, Marquette, MI. Carried unanimously.

Discuss roadside mowing and existing equipment – Moilanen presented an analysis of the current mowing operation. It was noted that with equipment, repairs, labor & benefits the cost is approximately \$80.92 per mile to mow. The following options were discussed: 1. Discontinue mowing. 2. Continue the mowing operation as is with the current equipment. 3. Purchase or lease new or used mowing equipment to replace our outdated equipment. 4. Request bids from private contractors to do the mowing on the county roads, while continuing to use our staff and equipment on the state trunkline. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to request the bids from private

contractors after January 1, 2012 to see if that would be more cost efficient. Carried unanimously.

Other business – Betzinger stated that it has been road commission policy that a township would need to have their account paid in full and their share of a project's cost paid before a new project would be started, and that this should be brought to the attention of the Harris Township board prior to starting on the Spring Green Road project.

Betzinger noted that some of the salt spreaders from the Stephenson shop were sitting on the ground over the summer months. Since there is extra room on the spreader racks at Menominee and Powers it was suggested that some of the Stephenson spreaders be stored at the other shops over the summer months. Moilanen stated that when funding is available, a spreader rack for the Stephenson shop should be considered, along with truck cleaning platforms for Stephenson and Powers.

Betzinger asked if the 4% Set-aside balances could be recorded as a credit to the Townships with remaining balances so that the program could be closed out. Savord will discuss this with the auditor. Also discussed was the open AR balances that some of the townships have.

Kakuk asked if the area of US 41 by DDT Construction had been brush chopped yet. Moilanen stated that it had not because MDOT had not yet authorized the work.

Public Comments – None.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director-Clerk

Road Commission Chair