

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, November 8, 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, and David Wesoloski.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 10/11/11 and 10/25/11 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report -

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, October 10, 2011				\$1,226,421.16
Receipts thru 10/31/11	262,874.71			
Expenditures thru 10/31/11		628,004.62		
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Balance, October 31, 2011				861,291.25
Michigan Transportation Funds	295,711.24			
Receipts thru 11/07/11	20,807.97			
Expenditures thru 11/07/11		5,195.06		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			93,809.00	
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Balance, November 07, 2011	579,393.92	633,199.68	93,809.00	1,078,806.40
 <u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 11/10, 11/24 (Est.)			130,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 11/10, 11/24 (Est.)			9,945.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			30,044.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			83,727.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease (12/09)			73,871.12	
Reserve for rental grader leases (10/10)			258,125.58	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (05/06)			2,327.67	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (06/07)			26,490.07	
Reserve for MCRC balance of Old US2 over Wilson Crk			24,499.56	
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			0.00	
Reserve for 2011 bridge inspections & load ratings			24,852.50	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge-Harris Twp			1,673.07	
Reserve for dirt work-pavement patches.			0.00	
Reserve for paving-pavement patches			0.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.98	
Reserve for driveway plowing			3,462.30	
Reserve for equipment			100,000.00	(953,751.61)
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There being no questions or comments, Betzinger declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 12-0003, 12-1031, 12-0005 and 12-0006 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for sign truck – Bids were open and read aloud as follows:

Truck & Trailer Specialties, Boyne Falls, MI – No Bid
Utility Sales & Service, Appleton, WI - \$148,186.00

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to accept the bid from Utility Sales & Service, contingent upon review of the bid spec. Carried unanimously.

Discuss request from Ingallston Township to attend their monthly meeting – Moilanen stated he had received a request from Ingallston Township Supervisor, Paul Anderson, to have the road commission attend their monthly township meeting on December 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., to discuss options for S. Pinewoods Loop. All commissioners stated they would be able to attend.

Discuss K-1 Road damage cost – Moilanen stated that the cost of the patches to repair K-1 Road was \$60,268.73. Of this amount, \$28,607.73 could be attributed to damage caused by the manure hauling operation in the spring of 2011. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to send a letter to Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Hass requesting he pursue recovery of the \$28,607.73. Carried unanimously.

Discuss House Bills H-5125 & H-5126 – Moilanen stated that the two bills were introduced to modify current law to allow the county board to pass a motion to absorb the duties of the road commission. A letter to Representative Ed McBroom opposing both bills was read. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to send the letter to Mr. McBroom. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen updated the commission on the gravel crushing that was done by Iron City Enterprises in the Bellefeuil and Kraniak pits. The belt scale used by Iron City was found to be out of calibration. The gravel pile in Bellefeuil pit has been surveyed and is approximately 2000 tons short of the amount requested to be crushed in the bid spec. The gravel pile in the Kraniak pit will be surveyed in the next few days. The gravel in both pits was tested, and each failed some of the testing, but not to the point where price adjustments would need to be made.

Moilanen requested permission to hire contractors and/or temporary employees to cover some of the snow plow routes, should the need arise. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Moilanen to hire contractors and/or temporary employees, if necessary, due to road commission staff shortages. Carried unanimously.

Kakuk complimented Moilanen on the good job done planning the annual safety meeting and for the work done on calculating the K-1 Road damage.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski noted that Bay de Noc Road, south of Evergreen, had a PASER rating of 1, and asked how often the roads were rated. Moilanen stated that one half of the Federal Aid eligible routes were done each year. Dale Axtell asked when Bay de Noc Road would be fixed. Moilanen stated that with the limited amount of funding available, that preservation work, such as crack sealing & chip sealing, on the better roads would be likely be done first. Darlene Nerat asked how narrow roads were rated in the PASER system. Moilanen stated that the width of the road was not considered, just the condition.

David Wesoloski asked if there was funding available through the Complete Streets program and if it was something the township should pursue. Moilanen stated that the Governor is considering increasing the funding level to MDOT and decreasing the funding to local governments & road commissions, and that if this passes the rural counties such as ours would lose even more revenue.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.