

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 10, 2011.

Chair Anderson 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 Chuck Behrend, Dave Wesoloski, Darlene Nerat and John Nerat.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 12/13/11 and 01/03/12 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, December 12, 2011				\$978,051.16
Receipts thru 12/31/11	43,258.66			
Expenditures thru 12/31/11		120,199.40		
Balance, December 31, 2011				901,110.42
Michigan Transportation Funds	261,496.96			
Receipts thru 01/09/12	0.00			
Expenditures thru 01/09/12		166,760.70		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			93,809.00	
Balance, January 9, 2012	304,755.62	286,960.10	93,809.00	902,037.68
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 01/19, 02/02 (Est.)			130,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 01/19, 02/02 (Est.)			9,945.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			20,028.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			107,649.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			55,334.59	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			258,125.58	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)			2,327.67	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)			24,373.37	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Sign Truck			22,500.00	
Reserve for 2011 bridge inspections & load ratings			24,852.50	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			248.60	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.98	
Reserve for driveway plowing			3,462.30	
Reserve for equipment (Sign Truck)			125,686.00	(945,548.59)
				\$ (43,510.91)

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

Vouchers # 12-0015, 12-0016, 12-0019, and 12-1231 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Schedule special meeting to prepare for annual township meetings – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to hold a special meeting on January 20, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of discussing, and preparing for, the annual township meetings. Carried unanimously:

Discuss upcoming union contract negotiations and attorney participation – Moilanen stated that the current bargaining agreement with the union personnel expires on March 31, 2012 and that the union’s business agent has requested that dates be set to begin negotiations of the new contract. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to allow Moilanen to hire labor attorney Tom Derderian to

negotiate the new contract and to set negotiation dates based on Mr. Derderian's availability. Carried unanimously.

Mark Jasper joined the meeting at 9:10 a.m.

Discuss bid spec for roadside mowing – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that a Notice to Bidders be published in local newspapers seeking bids for roadside mowing, with the bids to be opened at the February 7, 2012 regular meeting. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid pickup & removal of dead deer from the state trunkline – Moilanen stated that the current contract will expire in July, 2012. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to solicit the bids on behalf of MDOT. Carried unanimously. Moilanen will confirm with MDOT whether they want a one year or three year contract bid.

Permission to bid Emulsion/Stone for patch truck – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen go out for bids/quotes for the materials needed to operate the patch truck. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen asked permission to send Eric Husbye to Level 5 Certified Operator Training in Escanaba on February 2, 2012. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to allow Husbye to attend. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger asked how many tons Iron City was short with the gravel crushing in the Bellefeuil pit for the 3-Way Program. Moilanen stated they were short by about 1968 tons.

Joe Skrobiak joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

Kakuk asked if the bids received for mowing would be compared to the road commission's cost to do the work. Moilanen stated that they would.

Kakuk stated that HB5125 & 5126 had not yet been passed and that everyone needed to continue to voice their opposition to these bills to their State Representatives and Senators.

Public Comment – Darlene Nerat asked what roads would be included in the mowing bids. Moilanen stated the bids would be for the county roads only, and not include the state trunkline.

David Wesoloski asked if the board had received the request from Menominee Township to change their annual meeting to be part of the Township's regular monthly meeting on February 22, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Menominee Township Hall. Moilanen stated that the request had been approved at the reorganizational meeting and that a letter of confirmation would be going out to the Menominee Township supervisor this week.

Joe Skrobiak stated that a "Danger – Slow Down" sign on the road near his home had been removed and asked if the road commission had picked it up. Moilanen stated that the road commission had not removed the sign.

Mark Jasper asked the status of HB5125 & 5126. Moilanen stated that they had passed in the Senate and were now back in the House of Representatives.

Mr. Jasper asked if there was a possibility that weight restrictions would have to be enacted if the warm weather continued. Moilanen stated that the foremen are monitoring the roads for damage.

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