

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 31, 2012.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:29 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mark Jasper-Menominee County Commissioner, and Robert Hanson-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP

(8:29 a.m.) Present for Stephenson Township was Supervisor Mark Marklein.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Marklein and told him to please call the road commission anytime there was a question about the roads in Stephenson Township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

Road Commission 2012 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Moilanen presented a listing of the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program and stated that they should have almost enough funds to do the graveling on Wangerin Road, Church Road, Caldie Lane, Wery Road, Pelkie Road, and River Road. The township would have to invest approximately \$3,000.00 more to complete all the graveling projects, or they can ask the road commission to shut down operations at the point where the three-way funds are used up. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to make the additional investment or if they had other projects that were a higher priority.

Chaltry Road was discussed and Moilanen stated that he will monitor it this spring. Moilanen stated that the township may want to consider chip sealing Wangerin Road, sharing the cost with Mellen Township. Supervisor Marklein asked if chip sealing would hold up due to the heavy trucking from the sludge haulers. Moilanen stated the road commission could monitor the road and patch the chip seal as needed.

Supervisor Marklein asked if the Three-way Program would be continued in future years. Moilanen stated that there was no plan to continue the program at this time.

Supervisor Marklein asked what the plans were for CR348. Moilanen stated that the design was done and that it is considered a long term project due to its PASER rating of 2. Work will be done on roads rated 5 or 6 to preserve them before this project would be considered.

Supervisor Marklein asked if there was any indication that load limits would be applied to agricultural vehicles. Moilanen stated not at this time.

Supervisor Marklein left the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

LAKE TOWNSHIP

(8:50 a.m.) Supervisor Bob Desjarlais and Trustee Alan Majkrzak were present for Lake Township.

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Road Commission 2012 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Discussion was held regarding the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program for gravelling Lance Road and Johnson Road. The township would have to invest approximately \$9,000.00 more to complete all the graveling projects, or they can ask the road commission to shut down operations at the point where the three-way funds are used up. It was noted that the township still has \$5,529.22 of 4% funds remaining that could be applied to these projects also. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to make the additional investment or if they had other projects that were a higher priority.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if Hallfrisch Road had been taken care of. Moilanen stated that the road had been ditched last spring. Supervisor Desjarlais stated he felt it needed a culvert for drainage. He also stated that the corner of G-12 and CR577 by the town hall needed to be brushed, but asked that the road commission leave the pines.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked what was included in the trucking charge for the three-way funding program gravel. Moilanen stated it includes the labor & equipment to haul the gravel, the grader, roller and water truck and also sign men.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if the mine had determined where they would need their road. Moilanen stated that they were still looking at three different options.

Supervisor Desjarlais asked about the condition of Church Road near Chaney's. Bob Hanson stated that it had been graveled in 2011. Moilanen stated that he will monitor it again in the spring.

Other topics of discussion included possibly chip sealing Koss Road from the bridge to G-12 using Federal Aid funding, and additional guardrail at the dam on River Road. Also discussed was if guardrail was needed near the pavement patch area.

Lake Township officials left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

HOLMES TOWNSHIP

(9:30 a.m.) Supervisor Raymond Guard, and Trustees Raymond Furmanski and Michael Zemba were present for Holmes Township.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and told them to please call the road commission anytime they had a question about the roads in their township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

Road Commission 2012 Projects – Moilanen presented a handout listing the projects that the road commission has planned for the upcoming year.

Moilanen presented a listing of the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program and stated that they should have approximately enough funds to do the gravelling of P-1 Road (cost shared with Nadeau Township) and DeTemple Lane. The township would have approximately \$1,600.00 remaining in their three-way funds once these two projects were completed. Township officials were asked to confirm by February 29, 2012 if these were the projects that they would like to proceed with.

It was noted that Carlson Lane was in bad shape and that there is one year-round resident on the road.

Supervisor Guard asked how the three-way program was going to work. Moilanen stated that the townships would need to confirm their projects no later than February 29, 2012 so that any additional materials needed could be bid out. Once spring breakup was done the projects would be started, with the projects for one township being completed before moving into the next township. Chip sealing would likely take place either the week before or the week after the Fourth of July.

Supervisor Guard asked if there were any plans for the Snow Road. Moilanen stated that the project will cost over \$1,000,000 and had been submitted as a High Priority project in the past, but was denied funding at this time.

Supervisor Guard asked if any of the new proposed legislation would actually benefit the road

commission. Moilanen stated that would all depend on which of them passes. Holmes Township officials left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

DAGGETT TOWNSHIP

(10:13 a.m.) Present for Daggett Township was Supervisor Jim Revall.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Revall and told him to please call the road commission anytime there was a question about the roads in Stephenson Township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

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Discussion was held regarding the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program for gravelling I-3 Road, Tessmer Lane and I-1 Lane. The township would have to invest approximately \$2,000.00 more to complete all the graveling projects, or they can ask the road commission to shut down operations at the point where the three-way funds are used up. It was noted that Daggett Township still has \$510.05 of 4% funds remaining that could be applied to the projects also. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to make the additional investment or if they had other projects that were a higher priority.

Supervisor Revall asked if any paving would be done this year. Moilanen stated no, only chip sealing projects. It was also noted that the DeBacker Farms wants all-season access granted on CR358. Moilanen stated that Debackers should send a letter to the township requesting this. The township could then send a letter to the road commission stating if they support the change.

Supervisor Revall asked if the pipe would be replaced on No. 25 Road by the creek. Moilanen stated that due to current DEQ regulations the pipe would have to be replaced with a bridge and there was no funding for it at this time. Supervisor Revall stated that No. 25 Road would be the next road that the township would want to see paved. Moilanen said the paving could be done over the existing culvert and that the culvert would not be replaced until it failed.

CR358 was discussed as a project that could be done with the Village of Daggett.

Supervisor Revall left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

NADEAU TOWNSHIP

(10:13 a.m.) Present for Daggett Township was Trustee Jerald Poupore.

Moilanen welcomed Trustee Poupore and told him to please call the road commission anytime there was a question about the roads in Stephenson Township. Moilanen stated that a copy of the Road Commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships by the end of March, 2012.

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Discussion was held regarding the projects that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program for gravelling P-1 Road (cost shared with Holmes Township) and 33.25 Road. The township would have to invest approximately \$2,900.00 more to complete all the graveling projects, or they can ask the road commission to shut down operations at the point where the three-way funds are used up. It was noted that Nadeau Township still has \$20,661.77 of 4% funds remaining that could be applied to the projects also. Moilanen asked Trustee Poupore if the township would like to use a portion of the remaining 4% funds to eliminate their open AR balance of \$3,978.56. That would leave \$16,683.21 to apply towards the gravelling. Mr. Poupore will bring this up at their next township board meeting. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to proceed with the projects as listed or if they had other projects that were a higher priority.

Trustee Poupore asked if it would work better if dust oil was applied immediately after the new

gravel was graded. Moilanen stated that the new gravel will be watered and rolled following the grading. Mr. Poupore asked if a small portion could be dust oiled instead of watered, to see if it did work better. Moilanen state we would test a small are of P-1 Road.

Trustee Poupore stated that there are areas where the county road is gated off on Oakwood Road and north off of Frenchtown Road and asked if there is anything the road commission could do about this. Moilanen stated that if the road falls under the road commission's jurisdiction the a letter would be sent to the person that erected the gate giving them 10 days to remove it. If not removed at the end of the 10 day period the road commission will take the gate down. The party that owns the gate also has the right to petition the road commission for abandonment of the road.

Trustee Poupore left the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair