

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 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 Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(8:30 a.m.) Present for Ingallston Township was Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst and Treasurer Lois Pfitzer.

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.

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Moilanen presented stated that the project that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program was the reconstruction of S. Pinewoods Loop. Moilanen asked the township to confirm by February 29, 2012 if they wanted to use gravel or recycled asphalt for the project. Supervisor Anderson stated that they had already decided at a prior township board meeting to use the recycled asphalt.

The need for ditching along East Bay de Noc Road and Beattie Creek Lane was discussed.

Treasurer Pfitzer asked if any crack sealing would be done this year. Moilanen stated that none would be done this year. Ms. Pfitzer noted that there was a large crack on N. Pinewoods Loop where the new blacktop meets the old blacktop and also cracking on CR338 near Behrend's.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked why the county was bidding out roadside mowing. Moilanen stated that the road commission's mowers were getting old and were too costly to operate due to frequent break downs. Ms. Keefer-Bronkhorst also asked if the road commission crew size was decreasing. Moilanen stated that it has been, from 43 to 28 men.

Supervisor Anderson inquired if there would be funds available for S. Pinewoods Loop at the meeting with CUPPAD on February 21. Moilanen replied that the meeting was dealing with Federal Aid funding only and that S. Pinewoods Loop did not qualify. Some of the projects on the Federal Aid list for possible future funding are CR348 from K-1 Rd to south of Orley Lane, CR360 and CR358.

Denny Kosewski asked if the township had plans to do any gravelling in the spring. Supervisor Anderson will contact Kosewski in the spring to look at the township roads.

Supervisor Anderson asked what the expected start time was for the S. Pinewoods Loop project. Kosewski stated that his crew would be doing stump removal starting February 6th. Moilanen stated that there were also some utility poles that need to be relocated. Treasurer Pfitzer asked if there was brushing to be done on the south side of the road. Kosewski stated that the utility company had already done most of it. She also asked if the driveway culverts would be replaced. Moilanen replied that they would be checked as the job progresses and replaced if needed.

Proposed legislation regarding road funding was discussed.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:01 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(9:06 a.m.) Supervisor Linda Peterson was present for Cedarville Township. Robert Hanson, MCRC Stephenson District Foreman joined the meeting also.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Peterson and told her 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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Moilanen asked if Cedarville Township was going to use their three-way program funds toward work on CR551. Supervisor Peterson stated that the areas where there were washouts near the guardrail would be a top priority. Moilanen stated that there is guardrail and culverts that need to be replaced and that DEQ permits would have to be obtained. Ms. Peterson will discuss this with her board and advise the road commission no later than February 29th if this is the project they want to proceed with.

Supervisor Peterson stated that a good job had been done the pavement patches on CR551 last year and asked when the balance of the road could be paved. Moilanen stated that it was on the long term plan. Ms. Peterson asked that the road commission continue to try for federal aid for this road.

Moilanen asked if the resident on Blue Fox Lane were satisfied with the work done there last year. Ms. Peterson responded that they seemed to be.

Supervisor Peterson asked when the stonework on the Camp O Bridge would be repaired and what the status was on Jimtown Road. Moilanen replied that Camp O was scheduled for this year and that the DEQ permit had already been obtained. Jimtown Road, from G12 to the new pavement, would be a future project, possibly being pulverized and double chip sealed.

Supervisor Peterson asked if there would be additional county funding for the three-way program. Mark Jasper replied that it was a one-time program but future plans may be to try for a county-wide millage for roads. Ms. Peterson noted that Cedarville Township appreciated the funds received from the current program.

Supervisor Peterson asked if the township had enough three-way funds to do the guardrail and culvert replacements on CR551. Moilanen replied that the road commission would be responsible for the balance if the funds ran short.

Supervisor Peterson noted that 2 large pine trees had been cut down near the edge of the road north of the campground and asked if she could move them further off the road herself. Moilanen stated that since the road commission had not cut the trees and that they were owned by the property owners we could not give permission.

Supervisor Peterson stated that the township was considering having some street lights erected at the intersections of CR551 & M35, G12 & M35, and on Old Mill Lane near the town hall. She asked if the road commission would be responsible for cutting the trees if any had to be removed to allow placement of the light poles. Moilanen replied that if the trees were in the road right of way that the road commission would remove them. She also asked if the road commission was aware of any source to purchase solar panels to power the street lights. Betzinger advised that the City of Marinette may be able to help as they have some solar powered stop signs in the city. Kakuk stated that he had dealt with a company named Solar B and he would provide their contact information to her.

Supervisor Peterson and Robert Hanson left the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(9:34 a.m.) Supervisor Gerald Newlin and Treasurer Roger Freis were present for Mellen Township.

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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 12 Road (south leg to 12.5 Road), N1 Road (north of 12 Road), P1 Lane and O-3 Lane. The township would have to invest approximately \$2,480.00 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. Township officials were asked to confirm by February 29, 2012 if these were the projects that they would like to proceed with.

Wangerin Road was discussed with Moilanen noting that the road was shared with Stephenson Township. Currently Stephenson Township would prefer to wait until funds were available to pave the road. Mellen Township officials stated that they thought chip sealing the road would be adequate as there are not enough residents on the road to justify the expense of paving.

Denny Kosewski noted that N3 Lane, approximately 1 mile between No. 15 Road and CR346, was in worse condition than 14 Lane and asked if the township officials would consider putting part of their three-way funding toward that stretch instead.

Moilanen stated that some of the township roads would possibly be crack sealed in the future and that a chip seal on G08 may be done in 2013.

Treasurer Freis asked that the road commission continue to monitor Wildwood Road.

Mellen Township officials and Denny Kosewski left the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

HARRIS TOWNSHIP

(10:21 a.m.) Present for Harris Township were Supervisor Peter Kleiman and Trustee Alex Jorasz, Jr. Ray Betters-MCRC Powers District Foreman also joined the meeting.

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Discussion was held regarding the project that the township had submitted for funding through the county three-way program for the reconstruction of Spring Green Road. Moilanen stated that the road commission would like to see Harris Township pay any outstanding Accounts Receivable balance prior to the project being started. Supervisor Kleiman stated that the township disagreed that they owed the balance from a project that was completed several years prior.

Supervisor Kleiman stated that he had received complaints that CR551 going north, Pach Road and Swede Road were not being sanded and were slippery. Betters will check on this.

Mr. Kleiman also stated that he had received a request for culvert extensions on Bartoszek Road near the Wiecech farm as the current driveways were not wide enough for the farm equipment to pass over. Moilanen will check to see if just extensions can be added or if the existing pipes need to be replaced as they are quite old. It was also noted that a culvert may be needed on County Line Road near Larson Lane. Moilanen or Betters will check on this also.

Supervisor Kleiman asked about the status of the Pach Lane bridge. Moilanen replied that funding for the project had been denied for 2014, but the project will be resubmitted for 2015. It was noted that the local bridge funding may be discontinued in the future.

Moilanen provided a request from central dispatch to the township for replacement of some missing

signs within the township.

Mr. Kleiman noted that a good job had been done on Mazur Road, Shiverski Road, Pach Lane and the Wilson Creek Conspan projects.

BIA and Hannahville projects within the township were discussed. It was noted that the Hannahville Indian community would like to have the road from County Line Road to the school and then to the Administrative building designated as all season. Hannahville is also working with the BIA to reconstruct and pave County Line Road at an approximate cost of \$1.4 million. Hannahville has already paid for the design work on this project.

Supervisor Kleiman asked what type of dust control was going to be used this year. Moilanen stated that mineral well brine would continue to be used.

Harris Township officials left the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair