

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, March 13, 2012.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Pat Kleikamp, Joe Skrobiak, Dave Wesoloski, Darlene Nerat and John Nerat.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – Pat Kleikamp, representing Normenco Sportsmen’s Club, stated that the Normenco Sportsmen’s Club was in the process of working on a designated trail for ORV use. The Sportsmen’s Club would like to work together with the Road Commission to come to an agreement about placement of trail signs when those signs may be in the Road Commission’s right of way. Discussion was held regarding where the trail would be, the regulations about the type of signs needed and their placement along the trail, posting of speed limits in certain areas, etc. Moilanen asked what grade of signs the sportsmen’s club planned to purchase. Mr. Kleikamp stated they were all prismatic materials, and that they were slightly smaller than those used by the road commission. Moilanen asked if the sportsmen’s club was going to make the trail a DNR designated trail. Mr. Kleikamp stated that they were, but the process could take as long as five years. Moilanen asked if the signs would be placed on the trail prior to receiving the DNR designation. Mr. Kleikamp replied that there were already some signs in place as a large portion of the trail are already a snowmobile trail. The club is trying to change the existing trail to multipurpose use. Moilanen suggested that the road commission would draft a resolution outlining an agreement between the sportsmen’s club and the road commission regarding who would be responsible for the placement and maintenance of the signs. The resolution will be acted upon at a future meeting. Mr. Kleikamp asked if it was possible to attach the trail signs to existing road commission sign posts. Moilanen stated there are regulations prohibiting having more than one sign on a post for certain signs, so it would depend on what the existing sign was. Mr. Kleikamp left the meeting at 9:27 a.m.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 02/07/12 and 02/22/12 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, February 6, 2012				\$1,059,905.70
Receipts thru 02/29/12	113,964.35			
Expenditures thru 02/29/12		293,247.51		
Balance, February 29, 2012				880,622.54
Michigan Transportation Funds	294,627.64			
Receipts thru 03/12/12	11,221.47			
Expenditures thru 03/12/12		49,664.29		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			93,809.00	
Balance, March 13, 2012	419,813.46	342,911.80	93,809.00	1,042,998.36

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 03/15, 03/29 (Est.)	130,000.00
Soc. Sec. 03/15, 03/29 (Est.)	9,945.00
Reserve for workers compensation insurance	10,015.00
Reserve for liability insurance	131,571.00
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
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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)	285.15	
Reserve for Forest Funds	161,015.98	
Reserve for driveway plowing	2,892.57	
Reserve for equipment (Sign Truck)	117,052.00	(950,290.41)
		<u>\$ 92,707.95</u>

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

Vouchers # 12-0024, 12-0026, 12-0027, 12-0028, 12-0029, and 12-0229 – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss/act on bids for road side mowing – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to award to the low bidder, T&S Contracting of Rapid River. Carried unanimously.

Discuss correspondence from DeBacker Family Dairy, LLC and Daggett Township requesting all season status on CR358 & Badish Road – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to designate Badish Road from the DeBacker farm to CR358 and CR358 to US41 as all-season roads. Carried unanimously.

Discuss requests from Spalding Township, Daggett Township and Lake Township to share cost of additional graveling projects. – Moilanen stated that the cost share for the road commission would be approximately \$22,000 for the Spalding Township gravelling, \$11,000 for the Daggett Township gravelling and \$5,000 for the Lake Township gravelling. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to participate in the cost with all three townships and to bill the townships their share of the costs once the work was completed. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Hannahville Indian Community MOU for Hannahville Road project – Moilanen explained that the Hannahville Indian Community would like to crush, shape & pave Hannahville Road from Casino Lane to CR551. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to sign the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement with Hannahville Indian Community. Carried unanimously.

Discuss resolution regarding right of way permits on MDOT highways – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to adopt the resolution provided by MDOT granting the road commission a permit to perform miscellaneous operations within the state highway right of way. Carried unanimously.

Discuss submittal of application for Hannahville Indian Community 2% Grant –

Commissioner Kakuk offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS, the Hannahville Indian Community is accepting 2% grant distribution applications,

AND WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission has identified the improvement of Spring Green Road from Town Line (G-1 ) Road then east to County Road 557 to be an eligible project to submit for 2% funds,

AND WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission supports the continued effort in advancing quality roads in Menominee County, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission supports the submittal of the reconstruction of approximately 1.5 miles of Spring Green Road from Town Line (G-1) Road then east to County Road 557 for funding under the 2% grant distribution application.

Seconded by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote: Ayes 3; Nays 0.

Discuss Letter of Agreement between Public Health and Menominee County Road Commission – Moilanen presented a letter of agreement that had been received from Public Health of Delta & Menominee Counties for a mutual agreement between Public Health and the Menominee County Road Commission where in the event of a local health crisis the road commission may be asked to provide vehicles to transport essential pharmaceutical and medical supplies to designated sites within

the county. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to sign the Letter of Agreement as provided by Public Health. Carried unanimously.

Permission to send employees to CRASIF/MCRCSIP safety workshop – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to send 6 – 8 employees to the workshop being held at the Delta County Road Commission office on April 25, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Kakuk stated that he had received a request from business owners in Cedar River asking if it was possible to leave some snow along shoulder of the road from the Lighthouse Pub to the DNR parking lot on Camp O Road so that it would be easier for snowmobilers to access their businesses during the winter months. Moilanen will look at the area in question to determine if this would be feasible.

Moilanen advised the board that union contract negotiations were scheduled for Thursday, March 15 at 3:00 p.m. A special meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. for the purpose of going into closed session to discuss the upcoming union contract negotiations.

It was noted that Senator Casperson would be holding a town hall meeting in Marquette on March 16. None of the commissioners plan to attend.

Public Comment – Joe Skrobiak asked if there would be any work done on G18 this year. He stated that the culverts in the area of the second curve and in the swamp area were dipped down. Moilanen stated that if the dipping doesn't resolve itself once all the frost was out of the ground that patch could be added to those areas to make the road level again.

Dave Wesoloski asked that the road commission keep Menominee Township's excellent payment history in mind when scheduling road projects and stated that the township does have funds budgeted for roads each year. He also noted that there are areas of Linsmeier Road and Bay de Noc Road that are starting to break up badly.

John Nerat asked if the road commission had any concerns with allowing a contractor to do the roadside mowing. Moilanen stated that the bid document outlined what was expected of the contractor. Mr. Nerat asked if the road commission had considered leasing mowers instead of contracting out the work. Moilanen replied that leasing had been looked into, but that the contractor was less costly than the lease would be.

Joe Skrobiak asked why overweight fines went to fund public libraries. Moilanen replied that it was a State law.

Darlene Nerat noted that it seemed as though the ice control sand had more stones in it this year than last year.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

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