

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, June 12, 2012.

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 Jim Hoffman, Joe Linder, Chuck Behrend, Dave Wesoloski, Mark Jasper, Darlene Nerat and John Nerat.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – Joe Linder asked how the price per yard for the gravel on the estimate for J-1 Road was determined. Moilanen explained that the prices used were current unit prices from MDOT specs that take an average of all the contractor bids over a period of time. These prices are used because an exact cost is difficult to determine until the work has been completed. The road commission cannot make a profit from any work that it does. Mr. Linder asked if Moilanen would attend the next Nadeau Township board meeting to explain the process to other township officials. Moilanen agreed to attend the meeting that will be held on Monday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nadeau Township hall.

Public appearances – Anderson noted that he had been contacted by Gary Elson regarding some trees that were cut in the right of way in front of property he owned in Faithorn Township. Mr. Elson had planned on addressing the road commission at this meeting, but was not in attendance. Moilanen will contact Mr. Elson to address his concerns.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 05/15/12 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, May 14, 2012				\$1,020,758.53
Receipts thru 05/31/12	24,304.63			
Expenditures thru 05/31/12		171,333.99		
Balance, May 31, 2012				873,729.17
Michigan Transportation Funds	283,526.22			
Receipts thru 06/11/12	11,588.57			
Expenditures thru 06/11/12		219,760.69		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			90,274.00	
Balance, June 11, 2012	319,419.42	391,094.68	90,274.00	858,809.27
<u>Payables &amp; Reserves</u>				
Payroll 06/21, 07/05 (Est.)			130,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 06/21, 07/05 (Est.)			9,945.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			6,730.68	
Reserve for liability insurance			23,598.00	
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 (2006/2007)			22,722.48	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Sign Truck			22,500.00	
Reserve for 2011/12 bridge inspections & load ratings			7,680.00	
Reserve for roadside mowing			34,337.47	
Reserve for culverts			0.00	
Reserve for 3-way gravel crushing			33,599.84	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			575.25	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.98	
Reserve for equipment (Sign Truck)			117,052.00	(883,216.87)
				\$ (24,407.60)

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

Vouchers # 12-0044, 12-0045, 12-0531, and 12-0047 – Betzinger asked for clarification on an invoice from Fabco. Moilanen explained that the invoice was for a repair of the hydraulic seals on the vibratory compactor. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for pickup & removal of dead deer on the state trunk line – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

M&M Trucking, Menominee, MI            \$47.75 per deer carcass

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to award the bid to M&M Trucking pending MDOT approval. Carried unanimously.

Discuss offer from Reliable Recycling to extend their contract for scrap iron pickup for an additional year – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to agree to the contract extension at last year's prices. Carried unanimously.

Discuss attendance at MCRC SIP Annual Meeting and name voting delegate – Anderson and Kakuk stated they would be able to attend the meeting being held in Mount Pleasant July 18-19. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to name Kakuk as the voting delegate for the road commission and Anderson as the alternate voting delegate. Carried unanimously.

Discuss request to attend Holmes Township meeting on July 3rd – Huidbay will be giving a project update and road presentation at the Holmes Township Board meeting on July 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. They would like someone from the road commission to be there to answer any question regarding the roads in the area. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen attend the meeting. Any commissioners that are available will attend also. Carried unanimously. A discussion ensued regarding proposed legislation regarding a new severance tax for mines. Kakuk voiced concern about whether the law would then exempt the mines from paying property and business personal property taxes, which would have a negative impact on the local townships. Moilanen stated that the bill had not been voted into law yet, so final details were still unknown.

Discuss UP Road Builders Vice Presidency for 2013 – Moilanen explained that Menominee County Road Commission would be responsible for appointing one of their members or employees as the vice president of the UP Road Builders for 2013. That individual will then become president of the group in 2014. The road commission will make a decision on who to appoint at an upcoming meeting.

Any other business – Betzinger asked when mowing would start on the state highways. Moilanen stated that he would be meeting with a representative from MDOT in the next week to discuss the start date as there are concerns over the markings placed by Miss Dig for the fiber optic cable that is being buried along the shoulders of the highways. Betzinger also asked for the start date for the mowing on the county road system. Moilanen replied that the contractor was scheduled to start no later than June 18 and would have 45 days to complete the work.

Betzinger asked how much of the graveling for the 3-way program had been completed. Moilanen stated that the mid county area was complete and that the crew was now graveling in the north end of the county.

Kakuk stated that he had received a request for gravel on H2 Lane, off of CR360. Moilanen will have the district foreman look at the road to determine if maintenance gravel is needed.

Public Comment – Dave Wesoloski asked Moilanen how the estimate for River Drive was coming along and when he would be able to attend a township meeting to discuss the project. Moilanen stated that the traffic counts were done. The road bed may need fabric. The width of the road still needs to be determined, and will depend on whether the township wants to have a bike lane included in the project. Betzinger asked how many driveway culverts there were to replace. Moilanen stated he hadn't determined that yet. It was noted that the road is federal aid eligible, but federal aid funds were committed to other projects for the next year or two. Moilanen will attend either the June 27 or July 25 Menominee Township board meeting to discuss the project.

Mark Jasper noted that the County Board had not gone on record yet supporting the mine.

Joe Linder stated that the road in front of Clem Ritter's home needed maintenance gravel. Moilanen will have the foreman look at this.

Jim Hoffman asked if the road commission could tax the mine based on heavy road usage. Moilanen stated that the road commission has no taxing authority.

Darlene Nerat stated that all county government entities, such as the townships, county board and road commission, should see if they can do something jointly regarding the taxing of the mine.

Joe Linder asked if the Holmes Township meeting with the mine officials was open to the public. Moilanen stated that it is.

John Nerat asked about the Hannahville 2% funds that are reserved for the sign truck purchased. Moilanen stated that this was a grant from the Hannahville Indian Community and did not need to be repaid.

Joe Linder asked how to make a request to have the speed limit signs on US 41 in Carney moved. Moilanen stated that he would have to contact MDOT with his request.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

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