

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.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, Jim Pearson, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, David Wesoloski, Dale Axtell, Bob Gurgall, Chuck Behrend, Glenn Sartorelli, Tom Nowack, John Alfredson and others.

ABSENT: None

Public comments – Jim Pearson thanked the road commission for the success of the County 3-Way funding Road Program and also for scheduling some of the monthly meetings in the evening.

Bob Gurgall asked if Vega Road had crushed gravel laid prior to the chip seal. Moilanen stated that the base was in good condition and did not require extra gravel. Mr. Gurgall asked if additional weight limits could be enforced during spring break up to avoid damage to the chip seal. Moilanen stated that the road would be monitored during that time. Mr. Gurgall asked if additional ditching would be done on the second hill on Vega Road. Moilanen stated that the road commission would need to talk to the landowner in that area as they would lose approximately 10 – 15 feet of their yard.

Darlene Nerat stated she had received complaints that the bridge on 2.5 Road had areas that were washed out. Moilanen stated that the bridge had been submitted for funding to be replaced in 2015, and the road commission should receive notice in January, 2013 if the funding has been approved or not. In the meantime, maintenance will be performed with the patch truck.

Public appearances – None

Additions/corrections to minutes for 07/10/12 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, July 09, 2012				\$1,075,632.86
Receipts thru 07/31/12	190,770.76			
Expenditures thru 07/31/12		219,820.43		
Balance, July 31, 2012				\$1,046,583.19
Michigan Transportation Funds	293,166.07			
Receipts thru 08/13/12	53,594.10			
Expenditures thru 08/13/12		185,705.99		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			90,274.00	
Balance, August 13, 2012	537,530.93	405,526.42	90,274.00	1,117,363.37
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 08/16, 08/30 (Est.)			130,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 08/16, 08/30 (Est.)			9,945.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			20,192.02	
Reserve for liability insurance			47,196.00	
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)			17,193.26	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds-Sign Truck			22,500.00	
Reserve for 2011/12 bridge inspections & load ratings			1,920.00	
Reserve for roadside mowing			0.00	
Reserve for 3-way gravel crushing			0.00	
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	(841,049.68)
				\$ 276,313.69

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

Vouchers # 12-0052, 12-0054, 12-0056, 12-0058 and 12-0731 – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for CR551 Guardrail – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Highway Landscapers, Inc., Little Chute, WI	\$40,894.00
Snowden, Inc., Escanaba, MI	\$22,856.00

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to award to the low bidder, Snowden, Inc., pending review of the bids for irregularities. Carried unanimously.

Discuss River Drive in Menominee Township – Discussion was held on the scope of the project and estimated cost and funding availability, including a Menominee Township contribution of \$320,000.00. Betzinger asked what the cost would be to the road commission. Moilanen stated that other federal aid projects could be delayed to move funding to this project, but the funding would still fall short by approximately \$400,000.00. The cost to design the project so a better cost estimate could be made is about \$30,000.00. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to have Moilanen put out a Request for Proposals to have an engineering firm design the project. Carried unanimously.

Discuss correspondence from Mr. Gerald Blohm – Mr. Blohm had sent a letter to the road commission stating that one of his neighbors, Mr. Robin Peterson, had installed a driveway culvert that extends approximately 10 feet onto his property without permission, and asked if there was any action that the road commission could take to have the culvert removed or shortened. Moilanen stated that he had looked at the culvert and determined that Mr. Peterson did not have a permit to install the culvert and he recommended that a letter be sent to Mr. Peterson giving him 10 days to remove the portion of the culvert on Mr. Blohm's property. If the culvert is not removed during that time, road commission personnel would then have to remove it. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen send the letter to Mr. Peterson. Carried unanimously.

Set date & time for Annual Budget Hearing for 2012/2013 Budget – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to hold the hearing on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at 6:45 p.m. Carried unanimously.

Discuss rates for driveway plowing for 2012/2013 winter – Following a discussion of staffing levels and equipment, it was moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to offer the driveway plowing program for the final time for the 2012/2013 winter season at the same rates as the prior year and to include a notice with this year's contract stating that the program will be discontinued after the 2012/2013 season. Carried unanimously.

Discuss ice control sand needs for 2012/2013 winter – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen place an ad in the local newspapers for ice control sand. Carried unanimously.

Permission for Engineer/Manager to attend CRAM Superintendents Seminar – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Moilanen to attend the seminar Oct. 3-5, 2012. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Snow Plow Safety Program for local elementary schools and Head Start Program – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to offer the program to both the elementary schools and Head Start Program in the fall of 2012. Carried unanimously.

Discuss solar powered flashing light for Gourley Township – Moilanen stated that the township had requested a price on replacing the current flashing light at Hannahville Road with a solar powered light to help save the cost of electricity. The cost of the solar powered light would be approximately \$2,395.00 for materials. Moilanen will send a letter to Gourley Township officials informing of the cost of the light and asking if the township is willing to pay for the new light.

Any other business – Kakuk asked for confirmation of the date for the Great Lakes Council meeting. Moilanen stated that it had been changed to Thursday, September 13, 2012.

Moilanen stated that a voting delegate and alternate needed to be named for the upcoming CRASIF Annual Meeting. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that Kakuk be named voting delegate and Anderson be named alternate voting delegate. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Mark Jasper asked if the mowing on the county road system was complete. Moilanen stated that it was.

Glenn Sartorelli thanked the board for discussing the River Drive project. He asked that a bike path be considered in the design to see what the additional cost would be. He feels that a bike/pedestrian path would address safety concerns due to the amount of traffic on the road. Moilanen stated that there had been 7 accidents on the road in the past 5 years, with two of them resulting in injuries. Most accidents were car vs. deer. Trees may need to be cut in order to widen the road enough to allow for the bike path and some residents may object to this. Also, a bike path would require a significant amount of additional construction. Mr. Sartorelli would like to survey the residents to see if there would be opposition to the tree cutting. Moilanen also stated that constructing a detached bike path may be a better option. The township could try to pursue an Enhancement Grant to help pay for this.

Dave Wesoloski thanked the board for approving the RFP for design of River Drive. He also stated that he had received a complaint on the shoulder gravel on Bay de Noc Road.

Tom Nowack asked about the PASER rating on River Drive and stated that there were stumps and slats pushing up on the road. Moilanen stated that the PASER was at a 1 or 2, and that it was a challenge to get to good base before hitting water. Mr. Nowack also stated that there were some blind spots that could use brushing.

Darlene Nerat asked about the new signs on Rangeline Road. Moilanen stated they were installed after a recent accident on the road to further enhance visibility of the curve.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair