

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 10, 2013. Chair Kakuk 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 was Gerald Piche, Larry Barker and Ken Goffin.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public Appearances – None.

Discuss Federal Aid projects for 2013 - 2017 – Moilanen presented the board with a list of proposed federal aid eligible projects for each year from 2013-2017. Moilanen stated that he had received information that federal aid dollars could be spent to pulverize and chip seal federal aid routes that are currently paved as long as the road base was improved. Anderson stated that he would then like to see LaBelle Road and 400 Road added to the project list to be pulverized, shaped and double chip sealed. Moilanen stated that the 2013 projects had already been submitted to MDOT, but the 2014-2017 plans could be changed.

Betzinger asked if township population was a factor when the state determined the amount of federal aid that the county would receive each year. Moilanen replied that the county population may be a factor, but not the population of each individual township.

After a lengthy discussion, the following motions were presented:

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to add the pulverize, shape & double chip seal of LaBelle Road from US41 to CR566 to the 2014 plan year in place of chip sealing CR338 from CR577 to R-1 Drive. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson that the CR360 and 400 Road projects be completed as soon as funds are available. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to adopt the 2013-2017 Federal Aid Proposed Project list with the above motioned changes incorporated. Carried unanimously.

Other business – None.

Public Comments – Ken Goffin stated that Menominee Township is willing to commit funds to road projects and he encourages other townships to do so as well. Kakuk remarked that more townships could try to get a road millage passed similar to the one in Daggett Township.

Jerry Piche asked if the road commission sent any report of their meetings to the county board. Savord replied that the approved minutes were sent to Sherry Dupont. It was agreed that a copy of the unapproved minutes would be emailed to Mr. Piche after each meeting.

Mr. Piche asked what happened if roads were damaged by trucks or farm equipment. Moilanen stated that farmers are exempt from the weight laws. If damage is done by others, the only recourse would be to pursue civil action against them but those cases are hard to prove. Ken Goffin stated that others living on the road could pressure those with heavy vehicles to be more responsible with their loading during spring breakup so as not to damage the road.

Larry Barker asked if the right of way was the same on all county roads. Moilanen stated it was 66 feet on most roads, but that there are some exceptions.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.