

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 31, 2013.

Chair Kakuk 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 was Robert Hanson-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **LAKE TOWNSHIP**

(8:30 a.m.) Present for Lake Township were Supervisor Ronald Johnson and Trustee Alan Majkrzak.

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. It was noted that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the townships no later than March 31, 2013.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include stump removal in areas that were brushed out in the past, pavement markings on local roads and at railroad crossings, and replacement of signs on primary roads and at railroad crossings, along with crack filling where needed.

Upcoming projects in Lake Township include chip sealing G-12 from US 41 to O-3 Lane.

A discussion was held regarding road commission funding and the possible increase in the gas tax or registration fees. Moilanen noted that although the governor was for the increased funding, he also may change the way the money is distributed which could mean a decrease in funding for road commissions in order to increase the funding for MDOT. If the road commission did receive additional funding, updating equipment would be one of the priorities.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if the law had passed that would allow the county board to take over the road commission. Moilanen responded that the Act was already in place and would expire in 2015. Kakuk added that since the Menominee County road commissioners are elected officials, the county board would have to hold public hearings and then bring the idea of taking the road commission over to a vote of the people. To date, there has been no indication from the county board that they were interested in doing this.

Kakuk stated that he had a resident ask what could be done about water that builds up on Z-1 Road. Moilanen will check on this.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if the steep hill on S-4 Road could be cut as some of the residents have a hard time getting up it when it's slippery. Moilanen will check on this. Mr. Majkrzak also stated that CR356, from CR577 to Linderoth Road, is in bad shape and needs to be reconstructed. Moilanen replied that he was hoping for federal funding in the future for this project. Mr. Majkrzak asked if anything was being done to CR356 in Holmes Township. Moilanen stated that it would be double chip sealed this year from where the pavement ends to Chalk Hills Road.

Supervisor Johnson asked how often Rosebush gets graded each summer. Moilanen stated that the graders have specific routes that they run which are repeated as many times as possible each summer.

Trustee Majkrzak asked if any temporary workers had been hired this winter. Moilanen answered that three temporary plow drivers had been hired.

Supervisor Johnson asked how long the double chip seal on CR356 was expected to last. Moilanen replied that usually a double chip seal will last for seven to ten years but may last longer if there is primarily residential traffic only. Trustee Majkrzak asked what the life would be if the road were paved. Moilanen stated about 20 years.

Supervisor Johnson asked if the new mining law would generate more money for the roads. Moilanen responded that the townships or the county would likely receive the money and they would be the ones to decide where to spend it.

Lake Township officials and Robert Hanson left the meeting at 9:02 a.m.

### **MELLEN TOWNSHIP**

(9:05 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Jerry Newlin. Denny Kosewski – MCRC Menominee District foreman also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Newlin and told him to please call the road commission anytime there was a question about the roads in Mellen 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, 2013.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include stump removal in areas that were brushed out in the past, pavement markings on local roads and at railroad crossings, and replacement of signs on primary roads and at railroad crossings, along with crack filling where needed. Rangeline Road, from CR338 East to Bethel Mission, would be chip sealed in 2013. Moilanen will also continue to monitor Wildwood Road.

Supervisor Newlin stated that the township would likely do more graveling this year. Kosewski asked how much graveling they would be requesting. Mr. Newlin will discuss this with the other township officials at their February 14, 2013 meeting and advise the road commission.

Supervisor Newlin advised that the township was in the process of selling additional property by the old Mellen Elementary School and that there was a hill of gravel on the property that the buyer would likely level out to make room for an addition to the building. The possibility of the road commission purchasing the gravel was discussed.

Supervisor Newlin left the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

### **INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP**

(9:33 a.m.) Present for Ingallston Township were Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst and Trustee Carl Johnson.

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. The three-way funding program was discussed and it was noted that the program may be run again in 2-3 years.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include stump removal in areas that were brushed out in the past, pavement markings on local roads and at railroad crossings, and replacement of signs on primary roads and at railroad crossings, along with crack filling where needed. Other projects for Ingallston Township include chip sealing Rangeline Road from M35 to Birch Creek and from CR338 East to Bethel Mission. The culvert replacement on CR338 may need a DEQ permit.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked if CR348 and Wildwood Road were federal aid eligible. Moilanen responded that CR348 was and that it was already designed, but Wildwood Road is not a federal aid route. Ms. Keefer-Bronkhorst added that the east end of CR348 was in poor condition.

Trustee Johnson asked if Jimtown Road would need to be totally rebuilt. Moilanen stated that it would, and that the cost to pulverize and pave it would be approximately \$180,000 per mile.

Supervisor Anderson asked about the cost to pave S. Pinewoods Loop, which is the township's top priority. Moilanen estimated it to be \$234,000. He also asked what could be done to control the dust during the summers until the road could be paved. Moilanen stated that the township could request dust control brine to be spread heavier if needed.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst stated that Dale's Lane needed to be brushed out. Moilanen asked how wide the township would like the brushing to go. The township officials will discuss this and call

Moilanen to advise if they want to have the full right of way brushed.

Kosewski asked if the township had any plans for graveling this year. Supervisor Anderson replied that they did not at this time but would monitor the roads and let him know if additional gravel was needed.

Supervisor Anderson asked how to go about getting a street light installed at the end of Rangeline Road. Moilanen advised him to call the electric utility company servicing the area.

Supervisor Anderson stated that a resident on Harbor Point, between Jimtown Road and M35, had asked for more gravel by his driveway to make it easier to turn in. Moilanen replied that the resident should probably widen his driveway and they would need to get a permit from the road commission, at no charge, to do so. If the existing pipe is bad the road commission will replace it, if it is still in good shape then the resident can add extensions to it.

Supervisor Anderson noted that the township was currently setting aside funds for the paving of S. Pinewoods Loop, but it would be 2 – 3 years before they had enough money for the project.

Moilanen advised that Beattie Creek Lane would likely be ditched this year also.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

### **MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP**

(10:33 A.M.) Attending for Menominee Township were Supervisor Ken Goffin, Treasurer David Wesoloski, and trustees Darlene Nerat and Larry Barker.

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. The three-way funding program was discussed and it was noted that the program may be run again in 3 years.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include stump removal in areas that were brushed out in the past, pavement markings on local roads and at railroad crossings, and replacement of signs on primary roads and at railroad crossings, along with crack filling where needed. Supervisor Goffin stated there is a need for shouldering on R-1 Drive. Other upcoming projects noted for Menominee Township include chip sealing Rangeline, from M35 to the Birch Creek transfer station, and River Drive, from CR338 to just south of 6.25 Road. Linsmeier Road, from US41 to N2 may be chip sealed in 2014.

The River Drive construction project will be bid in 2014, DEQ permits need to be applied for and it is possible that the DEQ will require some of the existing culverts to be replaced with con-spans and/or a concrete box culvert.

Moilanen stated that there are no plans in the near future to work on CR577, north of 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Treasurer Wesoloski asked if the township had to share in the cost of the Rangeline project. Moilanen replied that the project would be completed using federal aid funds. Supervisor Goffin asked what the cost share will be for construction projects this year. Moilanen stated that the amount would be set once all township meetings were complete.

Supervisor Goffin stated that the township would like the road commission to prepare CR338 so they can have it paved in 2013. He also has received a petition from residents on Bay de Noc Road regarding cutting of trees along the right of way. Kakuk replied that some trees may need to be cut to provide proper drainage for the road. Moilanen stated that Bay de Noc Road would probably not get done this year, but possibly in 2014.

Treasurer Wesoloski asked for an estimate of the township's share for the River Drive project. Moilanen stated it may be about \$285,000. The chip seal on Bay de Noc Road may be approximately \$50,000 and would possibly be a good project for the 3-Way funding program, if it is run again.

Supervisor Goffin stated that due to the high cost, a bike path on River Drive, from G08 to the Menominee city limits would not be feasible. He asked if paving wider shoulders would be a better option. Moilanen stated that paving the shoulders out to five feet would add approximately \$265,000 to just the River Drive, from 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., portion of project, and the cost would be higher if wetlands mitigation was needed.

Supervisor Goffin stated that the township is currently in the process of replacing the fire number signs in the township and it was noted that there are a few roads off of M35 that are not named. He asked if these roads should be given a name and road signs purchased for them. Moilanen advised that he should first contact Debra Wormwood to see how the emergency responders in the county identify those roads.

Trustee Barker noted that there are some trees that need to be cut on CR551 in Cedarville Township.

Menominee Township officials left the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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Finance Director/Clerk

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