

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, March 12, 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 were Larry Barker, Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Chuck Behrend, Gerald Piche, and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 02/19/13 –There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, February 18, 2013				\$1,349,995.12
Receipts thru 02/28/13	0.00			
Expenditures thru 02/28/13		194,407.55		
Balance, February 28, 2013				1,155,587.57
Michigan Transportation Funds	292,738.38			
Receipts thru 03/11/13	1,860.22			
Expenditures thru 03/11/13		130,084.98		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			142,930.00	
Balance, March 11, 2013	294,598.60	324,492.53	142,930.00	1,177,171.19
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 03/14, and 03/28 (Est.)			140,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 03/14 and 03/28 (Est.)			10,710.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			6,731.71	
Reserve for liability insurance			129,789.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			36,798.06	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			193,071.96	
Reserve for 2012 bridge inspections & load ratings			0.00	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			575.25	
Reserve for design of River Drive			2,960.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.11	
Reserve for 2013 Federal Aid match			69,145.00	(750,796.09)
				\$ 426,375.10

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

Vouchers # 13-0025, 13-0228, 13-0027, and 13-0028 – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for CRS2 Emulsion – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

- Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc., Alma, MI \$2.49/gallon
- Flint Hills Resources LP, St. Paul, MN \$2.50/gallon

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to award the bid to Terry Asphalt Materials, Inc. pending bid tabulation. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for dust control – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Michigan Chloride Sales, St. Louis, MI	Mineral Well Brine .3895/gallon supplier applied .3795/gallon road commission applied
Liquid Calcium Chloride, Kawkawlin, MI	No bid for Mineral Well Brine
Optional bid for 30% calcium chloride	.69/gallon supplier applied .66/gallon road commission applied
Optional bid for 38% calcium chloride	.80/gallon supplier applied .77/gallon road commission applied

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to award the bid to Michigan Chloride Sales pending bid tabulation. Carried unanimously.

Permission for Engineer/Manager to attend BIA meeting – Moilanen stated that the meeting may not be held this year due to the sequester in Washington D.C., but if it does get scheduled he would like permission to attend since Hannahville Indian Community does have three road projects they are hoping to move forward with this year. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Moilanen to attend the meeting if it is held. Carried unanimously.

Permission to request RFP's for design of CR358 – Moilanen explained that these are projects currently scheduled for 2015 & 2016, and that the Village of Daggett is willing to participate in the cost for the portion of the road that lies within the village. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen request the RFP's. Carried unanimously.

Discuss letter from Spalding Township resident regarding Kloman Road – A letter had been received from a Spalding Township resident requesting that the hill on Kloman Road, between US 41 and the railroad tracks, be cut. Moilanen provide the board with pictures of the area and explained that if the hill was icy in the winter that there are other ways to access Kloman Road in other directions. It was also noted that due to the location of the driveway to the home on top of the hill, the road would have to be moved further south in order to keep the driveway from becoming too steep. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen send the resident a response stating that due to the availability of other access that the hill would not be cut at this time. Carried unanimously.

Discuss cost proposal from White Water Associates for mussel surveys – Moilanen stated that the DEQ is requiring mussel surveys to be performed in the area of some of the bridges scheduled for work this summer to determine if an endangered mussel is present before a permit will be issued to place needed rip-rap under the bridges. Originally the DEQ thought that this would be needed at 3 locations, but now are requesting the survey be done at 4 locations. The only firm that performs the service is White Water Associates, and the cost will range from a minimum of \$9,200 to a maximum of \$22,400 for the surveys. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to hire White Water Associates to perform the surveys. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen requested permission to hire an outside contractor to clean the office area twice weekly at a cost of \$40 per visit. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to hire the contractor. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen had received a request from Menominee County Undersheriff Mike Holmes to have weigh master Joque Piatt attend PPCT training on April 2, 2013. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to have Piatt attend the training. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that the annual meeting with Harris Township that was originally scheduled for Wednesday, March 13 had been rescheduled to Thursday March 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Moilanen advised the board that MCRCSIP was looking for applications from persons interested in serving on their board. Information was given to the commissioners and they can apply directly with MCRCSIP if interested.

Moilanen had received a letter from the Brian Bousley, County Administrator requesting the nomination of two individuals from the road commission to be considered for appointment to the Planning Commission by the county board. Following discussion it was agreed that William

Anderson and Darrell Moilanen would be nominated.

Moilanen requested permission to hire Grant Selsor to represent the road commission in a road access issue. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to hire Attorney Selsor. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that he would like to submit an application for a Hannahville 2% Grant to fund the cost of renting a crack filling machine. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen submit the application. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger commented that the road commission was already over budget for the winter operations. Moilanen stated that the budget would be reviewed in April, and an amendment prepared to cover the additional costs incurred for snow removal this winter.

Kakuk advised that while at the CRAM Conference it was learned that no action had been taken yet to increase funding for roads in Michigan. A possible sales tax increase had been talked about, but since a decision had not yet been made it was too late to put the item on the May election ballot. Action would have to be taken soon if the proposal is going to make the August election ballot.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski informed the board that Denny Olson from Breitung Township was the new MTA president and that he was supportive of road funding. Mr. Wesoloski also noted that Menominee Township had budgeted \$270,000 for roads and \$15,000 for dust control.

Gerald Piche stated that he agreed with the road commission's decision to not take action on the Kloman Road hill cut at this time. Mr. Piche also noted that there weren't many bidders for the emulsion and dust control brine. Moilanen explained that not many vendors carried the mineral well brine. Mr. Piche asked how the county board and the road commission work together. Moilanen stated that the road commission will do grading and dust control within the county parks upon request, and that he and the county administrator talk often regarding any issues that come up. It was also noted that the road commission's funds are held by the county treasurer. Mr. Piche asked what type of training the grader operators get. Moilanen stated that training was provided occasionally, but currently all but one of our operators has ten or more years of experience. One of the biggest problems that the grader operators face is there not being enough gravel on the road to pull in for shaping or poor drainage.

David Wesoloski informed the board that Menominee Township will be having gravel crushed again this year at a pit located on CR338.

Closed session to discuss Teamsters Local 406 wage reopener proposal – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to move to closed session at 9:56 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to return to open session at 10:23 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to table the wage reopener proposal for further discussion at the April 9, 2013 regular meeting.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

Chair