

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at the Harris Township Hall.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord.

ABSENT: None.

### **HARRIS TOWNSHIP**

Supervisor Peter Kleiman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present for Harris Township were Supervisor Peter Kleiman, Clerk Tom Draze, Treasurer Doreen Bower, and Trustees Alex Jorasz and Les Kleiman.

Moilanen reported that countywide work in the upcoming year would include shouldering work, 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 Harris Township include finishing the construction of Spring Green Road. The Hannahville Indian Community plans to add curb & gutter to the area by the medical center on Hannahville Road and to pave CR557, from north of US2/ 41 to the end, and 400 Road, from where the current pavement ends to Poplar Lane. The Pach Lane bridge is scheduled for replacement in 2015.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if the hill would be cut on 400 Road prior to the paving. Moilanen replied that would depend on how the plans were drawn up by the BIA.

Moilanen stated that the road commission would like to see the township pay off their open balance if possible. He also asked the township to advise if they would like to have any graveling done this year so that a source for gravel could be found if needed. Moilanen stated that CR374, from CR551 to H3 Road, would be chip sealed this year.

Trustee Jorasz stated that Old US 2 was in need of gravel and shouldering. Supervisor Kleiman asked if the work on Old US 2 could be done with BIA funds. Moilanen replied that the area would need to have the corduroy removed and geogrid added.

Clerk Draze asked what the status was of the County Line Road project. Moilanen stated that it was a \$1.4 million project that Hannahville Indian Community already has designed as one of their top priorities, but that the BIA High Priority funding was currently on hold.

Discussion of Old US 2 continued, with Supervisor Kleiman asking if Hannahville 2% Grant Funds could be requested for the first ¼ mile. Moilanen stated that he recommends that the portion from CR557 to Vincent Lane be double chip sealed, and asked if the township wanted to make this road their top priority.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if there would be a detour for the Pach Road bridge. Moilanen replied that a by-pass bridge was in the plans. Supervisor Kleiman asked if something would be done with the dip on Swede Road. Moilanen stated it was being looked at and would possibly be cut out and have geogrid added.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if there had been a change to the road commission's snow plowing routines. Moilanen explained that the road commission was currently operating with staffing shortages due to employees that are on medical leave.

A discussion was held regarding plowing operations and funding shortages for both the road commissions and the townships.

Supervisor Kleiman asked if the road commission had any crushed gravel in the north end of the county. Moilanen stated that the crushed gravel inventory was quite low right now. Mr. Kleiman

suggested that the road commission contact the owner of the Savage pit on Trout Pond Lane as they may have gravel available to purchase.

The meeting concluded at 8:30 p.m.

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Finance Director/Clerk

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Chair