

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, August 13, 2013, 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 Wally Barker, Shelley Barker, Joe Skrobiak, John and Darlene Nerat, Larry Barker, Gerald Piche, Joe Linder, and Dale Axtell.

Absent: None

Public comments – Wally Barker stated that he feels that South Fox Road, off of CR 551 is being graded too wide. He is concerned that the grading is damaging the roots of trees on the roadside. Betzinger explained that the operator may be going out wider to attempt to pull gravel/dirt back onto the roadway. Moilanen stated that he will look at the area of concern, talk to the foreman about what he finds and follow up with a phone call to Mr. Barker.

Joe Linder, Nadeau Township Supervisor advised that at the August 12, 2013 township meeting the Nadeau Township Board decided to support the closing of the railroad crossing on No. 35.5 Road. Mr. Linder asked what would happen next in the process. Moilanen asked that the township board send a letter of support to the road commission. Once received, a special meeting of the road commission board will be held to pass the necessary resolutions in order for MDOT to start the process.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 07/09/13 and 07/29/13 –There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, July 8, 2013				\$1,412,957.42
Receipts thru 07/31/13	33,547.88			
Expenditures thru 07/31/13		321,361.12		
Balance, July 31, 2013				1,125,144.18
Michigan Transportation Funds	272,327.11			
Receipts thru 08/12/13	22,571.74			
Expenditures thru 08/12/13		121,602.84		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			142,930.00	
Balance, August 12, 2013	328,446.73	442,963.96	142,930.00	1,155,510.19
<u>Payables &amp; Reserves</u>				
Payroll 08/15, and 08/29 (Est.)			125,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 08/15 and 08/29 (Est.)			9,562.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			20,846.01	
Reserve for liability insurance			47,897.32	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			36,798.06	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			193,071.96	
Reserve for F-4 Lane bridge (Harris Twp)			575.25	
Reserve for design of River Drive			0.00	
Reserve for Mussel Surveys on bridges			250.00	
Reserve for gravel crushing			37,413.60	
Reserve for culverts/bands			0.00	
Reserve for design of CR 358 (US41 to K-1 Road)			8,275.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.11	
Reserve for roadside mowing on county system			0.00	
Reserve for dump box repairs/paint on plow trucks			50,000.00	
Reserve for design of Pach Lane bridge			32,000.00	
Reserve for rental of crack filling machine			9,000.00	
Reserve for rental of stump grinding machine			4,000.00	
Reserve for 2013 Federal Aid match			55,205.00	(790,909.81)
				\$ 364,600.38



may contain asbestos. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen contact Pearson Asbestos Removal to come in and test the tile for asbestos and remove it if it is contaminated. Carried unanimously

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to accept the quote from Svinicki Tile for installation of the new tile. Carried unanimously.

Betzinger asked if the Village of Carney planned on applying fog seal to the recently chip sealed roads. It was noted that there have been complaints of dust since the chip seals were completed. Moilanen will contact Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for the price of the fog seal and whether they can fit it into their schedule yet this year, and let Ed Jenkins, Village of Carney President, know what he finds out. Betzinger asked if any dust complaints had been received on CR356. Moilanen stated that no dust complaints had been received but that the road had been vandalized by someone spinning their tires and peeling up a small area of the chip seal. Kakuk stated that applying the fog seal to the surface of the chip seal helped lessen snow and ice buildup in the winter. It was decided that if Fahrner can fit the job into their schedule that the road commission would have them fog seal CR356 also.

Kakuk stated that there had been a vision problem at the corner of Wery Road and Meintz Road. He also noted that he was pleased with the amount and quality of work that had been completed so far this year.

Gerald Piche, Menominee County Commissioner, informed the board that Barbara Kramer, Dickinson County Commissioner had addressed their meeting regarding the proposed UP Bike Trail. Ms. Kramer is attempting to get the governor and state legislature to install a southern leg of the bike path that would run along the Menominee River and the bay of Green Bay. It was noted that, if approved, the bike trail would be paid for using state, not local, funding.

Public Comment – Larry Barker asked what the plan was for Bay de Noc Road. Moilanen explained that the project would likely not start until the new budget year that begins October 1, and may be pushed to next spring depending upon availability in the schedule. Dale Axtell stated that he would like to see this project completed as soon as possible.

Joe Skrobiak thanked the board for the grading and gravel on State W-2 Road. He asked if the stump grinding work was still going on and whether they would get to State W-2 Road as there are a lot of stumps along the road. Moilanen explained that the stump grinder was currently working in the Koss area and would be moving to Bay de Noc Road next.

Joe Linder asked if the gravel retriever was currently being used. Moilanen replied that it is being used in the shouldering operation.

Kakuk commented that the road commission had received a large refund from the insurance liability pool due, in part, to a good experience rating and that he feels that sending employees to various training opportunities is paying off.

Darlene Nerat stated that a good job had been done mowing the clear vision areas.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

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