

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a reorganizational meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 02, 2014.

Finance Director/Clerk Savord 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.
Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers for 2014 – At Savord’s first call for Chair nominations, Betzinger nominated Anderson, seconded by Kakuk. Savord again called for nominations for Chair. There were none. Savord again called for nominations for Chair. There being none, the nominations were closed. Savord called for a vote on the nomination of Anderson being Chair for 2014. The motion carried by the following vote: Anderson, Aye; Betzinger, Aye; Kakuk, Aye.

Savord called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Anderson nominated Betzinger for Vice-Chair, seconded by Kakuk. Savord again called for nominations for Vice-Chair. There were none. Savord again called for nominations for Vice-Chair. There being none, the nominations were closed. Savord called for a vote on the motion of Betzinger being Vice-Chair for 2014. The motion carried by the following vote: Anderson, Aye; Betzinger, Aye; Kakuk, Aye.

Savord turned the meeting over to Chair Anderson at 9:02 a.m.

Public comments - None.

Public appearances – None.

Discuss options for weighmaster duties – Moilanen stated that since the December 10, 2013 board meeting it was found out that there was a retired MSP Motor Carrier officer in the county that may be willing to cover the weighmaster duties. He would be able to provide better coverage for the county than the current MSP Motor Carrier officer working on overtime. Sheriff Kenny Marks had also been contacted and he stated that it would not be a problem to get this person deputized for the position. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen contact this individual to determine if he is interested in a temporary position for the 2014 spring breakup. Carried unanimously.

Other Business – Moilanen stated that since two of our county projects had been funded by the Roads and Risks Reserve Fund, he would like to send an email letter of appreciation to Senator Tom Casperson and Representative Ed McBroom for all the work they did to bring the funds to our county. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to have Moilanen send the thank you on behalf of the road commission. Carried unanimously.

Savord asked who would be attending the Great Lakes Council meeting being held on January 9 at Baraga. All 3 commissioners and Moilanen will attend. Savord also noted that a request had been received from Spalding Township Supervisor Jim Moraska asking that their annual road commission/township meeting be rescheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Spalding Township Hall. The commissioners agreed to the schedule change.

Kakuk stated that he had received a letter from Spalding Township Supervisor Jim Moraska regarding the reverter clause in the deed for the Spalding Township Hall property. Moilanen replied that this subject had been placed on the agenda for the January 14, 2014 regular meeting. Kakuk also reminded the group of the upcoming Road Millage Campaign Workshop being sponsored by CRAM on February 7, 2014 in Mount Pleasant.

Betzinger stated that since the state equipment rental rates allow us to recover the cost of our equipment usage on the state trunk line, a portion of that amount could be set aside for future equipment purchases. Savord will calculate the amount received and report back to the board.

Public comments – None.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.