

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Harris Township Hall.

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

ABSENT: None.

### **HARRIS TOWNSHIP**

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

Supervisor Peter Kleiman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The road commission was acknowledged at 7:15 p.m.

Moilanen reported that the state legislature had approved an additional \$100,000,000, to be paid through the ACT 51 formula, to cover extra winter expenses and pothole patching due to the severity of the winter. Also approved was an additional \$115,000,000 for the Roads & Risks Reserve Fund to fund additional road projects in the state. Moilanen also discussed that the Federal Highway Legislation would be expiring later this year.

Supervisor Kleiman asked what it would cost to apply dust control to the entire length of Pach Road as some of the residents on the road were considering sharing in the cost. Moilanen responded that it would depend on how heavy the township wanted to apply the dust control brine. Mr. Kleiman asked for the price per gallon for the brine and how many gallons the dust oil tank holds. The brine will be approximately \$0.39/gallon. The dust control spray trucks have 1000 gallon tanks on them. Supervisor Kleiman will discuss this with the residents and then let the road commission how they wish to proceed.

Supervisor Kleiman asked Moilanen how Spring Green Road was holding up this spring. Moilanen replied that the road was still frozen, but he would be monitoring it, along with Pach Road, during the spring break up. Supervisor Kleiman asked what the cost of paving would be this summer and what month paving would begin in the county. Moilanen stated that it was unknown yet, but that \$175,000/mile was what was being used for estimates at this time.

Moilanen discussed the list of proposed work for the upcoming year. It was also noted that the Hannahville Indian Community hoped to reconstruct and pave CR 400, east of Poplar Lane either this year or in 2015, and reconstruct and pave County Line Road sometime between 2015-2017 using BIA funds. Supervisor Kleiman noted that the new pavement on CR557 had cracked over the winter.

Moilanen stated that the County 3-Way Road Program may be run again in 2015. The old highway was discussed as being a potential project for the program for Harris Township.

Supervisor Kleiman advised that Chelowan Lane needed to have trees cut and the ditches brushed. Craig Kutha, a resident of Chelowan Lane, was in attendance and also stated the need to have trees cut as the wind had knocked quite a few down and some of them were near or on the roadway. Mr. Kutha also stated that the road had not been sanded and that the plows were coming much later than they previously had. Moilanen explained that there had been personnel shortages and equipment breakdowns that may have caused these problems. Treasurer Bower noted that 400 Road was not getting plowed or sanded like it used to be either.

Moilanen stated that CR551 would possibly be shouldered this year. He also advised that the Pach Road Bridge would go out for bids in late 2014 for the 2015 construction year. Easements need to be obtained for the temporary bridge that will be placed on the east side of the existing bridge. A market study will be completed before the rate of compensation for the easements will be determined.

Supervisor Kleiman stated that the township's first priority would be to pave Spring Green Road.

The road commission representatives left the meeting at 8:00 p.m.