

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, April 17, 2014.

Vice-Chair Betzinger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: Roger Betzinger, Anthony Kakuk, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Glen Havelka.

ABSENT: William Anderson (excused)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments - None

Public appearances – None

Award bid for 2014 culvert needs – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to award to the low bidder Contech Construction Products, Inc., Kimberly, WI and to UP Concrete Pipe for as needed pipes. Carried unanimously.

Sign agreement with CN Railroad to receive 35.5 Road railroad crossing closure funds – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to sign the agreement. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen asked for permission to bid out the pulverizing of Bay de Noc Drive and LaBelle Road. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to grant permission. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen explained that LTAP is offering a training for grader operators. The cost is \$500 per day for up to 4 employees. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to allow Moilanen to schedule up to two days of training. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen advised the board that he had received a call from Ed Noyola, CRAM Deputy Director, regarding legislation that is currently being proposed that would increase road funding by \$500 million. Mr. Noyola stated that even though the proposed increased funding would not be enough to cover all the road funding needs, CRAM would like the county road commissions to support the proposal as a good starting point.

Moilanen stated that the road commission had been approached by interested contractors that want to purchase the old crusher parts. Two different quotes had been received as follows:

Iron City Enterprises:

Power Unit:	Exchange for 1000 tons crushed gravel
List of other usable parts:	\$1,000.00

Havelka Construction:

Power Unit:	\$3,000.00
List of other usable parts:	\$1,500.00

Havelka Construction would also want to purchase the remaining crusher unit for \$185.00 per ton for salvage/parts.

Noting that the current salvage rate is \$180.00/ton, it was moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to accept Havelka Construction’s offer to purchase the power unit, other usable parts and the remaining crusher unit for salvage. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen asked for permission to hire an engineering firm, if needed, for the design of projects. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to grant permission. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen advised the board that he would be meeting with representatives of Teamsters Local 406 on Thursday, April 24, 2014 to continue negotiations of the wage reopener.

Kakuk stated that he had been approached regarding the speed limit on M-35 near the Cedarville

Township Hall and fire department. They would like to see the speed limit reduced from 55 MPH to 45 MPH in that area, and also about the speed on US41 in Wallace in the area of the caution light. Moilanen advised that the township supervisors should make a request in writing to have these issues looked at. The requests will be forwarded to MDOT for their response. Betzinger noted that MDOT had done a study several years ago for the Wallace location and they had determined at that time that a change in the speed was not needed. Betzinger also stated that on Hannahville Road, near the medical clinic, there is a 45 MPH sign and then a 35 MPH sign within a 100 feet. The speed study done on this road states the speed limit should be at 45 MPH, but Hannahville Indian Community may have posted it to 35 MPH due to their new subdivision.

Betzinger inquired about the dates for upcoming meetings. Moilanen replied that the CRASIF/MCRCSIP Safety meeting will be in Escanaba on the morning of April 23, 2014. There is a meeting at the Hermansville Community Center on April 28, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the Three Way Road Funding program.

Moilanen asked Glen Havelka when he planned on picking up the crusher parts and salvage. Mr. Havelka will pick up the parts the week of April 21st and the salvage once the road restrictions are lifted. Mr. Havelka stated the purchase will be tax exempt and he will provide an exemption certificate to Savord. Savord will issue an invoice for the purchases.

Public Comment – None.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair