

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Chair Anderson 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 was Jim Moraska, Eric Treichel and Kitty Treichel.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – Kitty Treichel discussed an article she had read in the local newspaper regarding funding the state was providing for shovel-ready projects. She also spoke regarding gravel that she and her husband had sold to the road commission at a cost less than what they could have received from private contractors, and their hope to have some sort of cover installed on 36.5 Mile Road to reduce the dust as dust control brine does not seem to last for very long. She stated that there are 5-6 homes along a quarter mile stretch of the road that are affected by the dust.

Public appearances – None

Open/Award bid for 2014 pulverizing – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Hein Reclamation, Green Bay, WI	\$ 8,481.23
Payne & Dolan, Gladstone, MI	\$12,583.84

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to award to the low bidder Hein Reclamation, Green Bay, WI, pending tabulation of the bids. Carried unanimously.

Open/Award bid for sale of crusher shack – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Daniel Hubbard	\$236.00
Daniel Turcotte	\$230.00

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to award the bid to Daniel Hubbard. Carried unanimously.

Approve letter/information to be sent to township supervisors regarding the potential 2015 Three-Way Road Funding program – Moilanen presented a draft letter, including a list of typical costs for various types of projects and the contribution to the program per entity, based on road miles. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to send out the letter & information as drafted. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen stated that he had received a letter from Spalding Township Supervisor Jim Moraska asking the road commission to contribute \$6,300 toward the chip seal project on 36.5 Mile Road, based on a bid the township received from Fahrner Asphalt of \$34,000. The estimate for the road commission to do the project was \$27,711. Moilanen noted that it is road commission policy that if a township bids out a project on their own, they are responsible for 100% of the cost. If the road commission does the work with our own forces, we will absorb any additional costs above the estimated price.

Moved by Anderson to allow the township to contract with Fahrner for the project and to have the road commission pay the requested \$6,300. The motion died for want of a second.

Kakuk stated that K-3 Road had been chip sealed by the road commission for less cost than a contractor and that a good job had been done. Supervisor Moraska stated that the road commission had also done the chip seal on Vega Road and that it was not holding up. He also noted that the estimate the road commission provided was for a 24 foot width, but 36.5 Mile Road is only 22 feet wide in some areas. Mr. Moraska also stated that if the road commission did the project that the township would want the road properly prepared. Moilanen replied that the road had been rebuilt a few years prior and was in good condition already, and that Vega Road had more heavy truck traffic.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that the road commission do the chip seal project on 36.5

Mile Road with the township paying the estimated cost of \$27,711. The road commission will absorb any cost overruns and will make any necessary repairs to the chip seal at no additional cost to the township for up to eight years. The motion passed by the following vote: Yes – Betzinger, Kakuk; No – Anderson. Supervisor Moraska will bring this decision to the Spalding Township board meeting tonight and advise the road commission of the township board's response. Kakuk advised that Dun-Rite Asphalt Maintenance from Marinette, WI may do the fog seal portion of the project at a lower cost than Fahrner.

Public Comment – Eric Treichel asked why the road commission trucks used 36.5 Mile Road as their route, instead of LaBelle Road, when they were working on Spring Green Road. Moilanen explained that the trucks that came from the Stephenson district shop would have taken 36.5 Mile Road to and from the project each day as it was a shorter route than LaBelle Road.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the same dust control would be used this year as last year and when it would be available. Moilanen stated the brine was the same and that the price hadn't changed. There is brine available now and he should call Stephenson district foreman Bob Hanson when he is ready to have it applied in Spalding Township.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the road commission would consider putting lower load limits on roads that were chip sealed. Moilanen responded that the road commission would need a letter from the township requesting the change before it would be considered.

Supervisor Moraska asked if the road commission would make repairs to any chip seals that we did. Moilanen stated that we would for the first 8 years. Mr. Moraska stated that there is an area on Land Lane that needed to be patched. Moilanen will check on this.

Supervisor Moraska asked when the LaBelle Road project would be started and how long it will take. Moilanen replied that the deadline for completion of the pulverization is June 12, and that it should take about 1 day to pulverize.

Moilanen stated that he had received a response from Teamsters Local 409 regarding the current wage reopener. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to move to closed session at 9:46 a.m. to discuss the proposal. Carried unanimously.

Jim Moraska, Eric & Kitty Treichel left the meeting.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to return to open session at 9:55 a.m.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to approve payment of \$900 to each union employee, payable at \$45 per payroll for the next 20 pay periods. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to make the same payments to the non-union hourly staff. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

Chair