

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, July 15, 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 were Don Lahay, Joe Skrobiak, Joe Linder, Gerald Piche, Larry Barker, David Wesoloski, Darlene Nerat and John Nerat.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – Don Lahay addressed the board regarding the location of L-1 Road. He believes that at one time the road followed the forty line. Moilanen replied that after researching the road commission records, no evidence could be found that the road was on the forty line. It was suggested that if Mr. Lahay wanted to give access to future lot owners that he could file an easement with the county clerk’s office giving access to the potential owners. Joe Linder stated that Mr. Lahay wanted to make a change to the name of the road and asked the procedure to do so. Moilanen responded that the township board should pass a resolution authorizing the change and that the resolution should be submitted to Debra Wormwood to be sure that central dispatch/911 was aware of the change. Mr. Linder asked if 30.75 Road should actually be called 31 Road as it appears to run along mile 31. Moilanen stated that it does appear to be along mile 31.

Joe Linder stated that Nadeau Township was going to make a walking trail near the township hall and that the township board had taken action to approve the erection of “No Thru Traffic” signs. Moilanen advised that the road commission would order the signs for the township.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes of 06/10/14 –There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, June 9, 2014				\$2,417,413.83
Receipts thru 06/30/14	65,289.11			
Expenditures thru 06/30/14		233,133.24		
Balance, June 30, 2014				2,249,569.70
Michigan Transportation Funds	275,525.38			
Receipts thru 07/14/14	4,602.24			
Expenditures thru 07/14/14		144,075.33		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			128,438.00	
Balance, July 14, 2014	345,416.73	377,208.57	128,438.00	2,257,183.99
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 07/17, and 07/31 (Est.)			125,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 07/17 and 07/31 (Est.)			9,562.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			16,779.34	
Reserve for liability insurance			34,391.49	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			18,261.53	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			128,018.34	
Reserve for design of CR 358 (US41 to K-1 Road)			0.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.11	
Reserve RR X'ing closure funds for Nadeau Twp. projects			123,250.00	
Reserve for design of Pach Lane bridge			0.00	
Reserve for Hannahville 2% funds-crack filling machine rental			6,750.00	

Act on Resolution to decertify Herbert Street in Spalding Township –

Commissioner Kakuk offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission has listed certain roads on the Menominee County Act 51 System and the below listed road is no longer normally open to automobile traffic during the months of May through October.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following described road be removed from the Act 51 Road System:

SPALDING TOWNSHIP

Map Sheet Description

Page 39 Herbert Street: T38N, R26W, Spalding Township, Section 15. Commencing at US 2 & 41 in the Village of Spalding, thence 250 feet northerly through the Northwest quarter of Section 15. [Decertify .047 miles]

It was seconded by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Nays: 0.

Permission to hire UP Engineers & Architects for construction inspection of Road & Risk Reserve Funds projects – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to grant Moilanen permission to hire U.P Engineers & Architects to perform the construction inspection on these two projects. Carried unanimously.

Permission to hire DGR Engineering for construction inspection on the federal aid pavement marking project - Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to grant Moilanen permission to hire DGR Engineering to perform the construction inspection on this project. Carried unanimously.

Permission to hire DGR Engineering to process DEQ Permits – Moilanen clarified that he would like to hire either DGR Engineering or UP Engineers & Architects to process DEQ permits for upcoming projects. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to grant Moilanen permission to hire either firm to process the DEQ permits. Carried unanimously.

Sign Quit Claim deed to Spalding Township for township hall property – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Betzinger to authorize the chair to sign the deed and forward it to Spalding Township officials to file with the county Register of Deeds office. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid Spring Green Road paving – Moilanen explained that Harris Township officials have approved paving Spring Green Road with 100% of the cost being paid by the township. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen advertise for bids. Carried unanimously.

Permission to purchase new computer for stock clerk – The stock clerk’s current computer operates on Windows XP and is no longer supported by Microsoft or Cogitate. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to allow Savord to purchase a new computer at an estimated cost of \$1,300.00. Carried unanimously.

Sign contract with Iron City Enterprises for gravel crushing – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to sign the contract to have 30,000 tons of gravel crushed. Carried unanimously.

Permission to have Pearson Asbestos Abatement remove asbestos in Stephenson shop if needed – Moilanen stated that there is asbestos in the Stephenson shop that will likely need to be removed prior to the boiler replacement. Pearson Asbestos Abatement has given a quote of \$3,185.00 to do the work. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have Pearson Asbestos Abatement proceed with the asbestos removal at the quoted price. Carried unanimously.

Permission to hire consultant to create list of non-scheduled items for insurance coverage – Three quotes had been received to have all non-scheduled items (those listed as “contents” on the insurance policy) inventoried and valued. This list would be used to be sure insurance coverage is adequate and also to replace items in the event of a loss. Quotes were from the following firms:

Deyo/Stone Associates, Inc.	\$ 1,800.00
National Contents Solutions	\$29,620.00
Cbiz Valuation Group	\$ 3,900.00

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to authorize Savord to hire Deyo/Stone Associates, Inc. to perform the inventory. Carried unanimously.

Discuss repair/purchase of plow wings – Moilanen stated that per a quote received to re-skin and repair 6 of the existing plow wings it would cost \$2,270.00 per wing. The cost to purchase a new wing is approximately \$3,254.00. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to purchase 3 new plow wings and to have our crew repair the 3 old plow wings that are in the best condition. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen advised the board that he had received a quote from Integrated Designs, Inc. for \$13,995.00 for the design and construction engineering for the heating system replacement for the Stephenson shop and office. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to hire Integrated Designs, Inc. to perform the work as quoted. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that the pipe by the draw down gate on the Shakey Lakes dam had been leaking earlier in the month and that the crew had been able to stabilize it for the time being. In the future it may need to have sheet piling pounded in so repairs can be made to the pipe. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have the work done if needed. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen asked for permission to request bids for moldboard cutting edges. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen advertise for bids. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen explained that the process of applying for a Category A grant for road improvements for the Wendricks Truss, Inc. expansion was moving forward. A resolution of support from the road commission is needed as part of the application process.

Commissioner Betzinger moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Transportation is accepting grant applications for the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) Category A,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Menominee County Road Commission to submit a project in conjunction with Wendricks Truss, Inc.'s facility expansion project,

AND WHEREAS, it is necessary to complete the application for such funds,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission supports the Category A project to upgrade Vega Road, construct a new T- intersection and remove the existing access onto Old US-2 from No. 43 Road and Vega Road.

The Road Commission commits up to the 20% match requirement if additional funds from the Township and/or Wendricks Truss, Inc. are not forthcoming.

Seconded by Commissioner Kakuk and carried by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Nays: 0.

Moilanen also requested permission to hire a surveyor to help with the design of the curve and T- intersection for the project, due to the short deadline for submitting the project drawings to MDOT for the grant. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to grant permission. Carried unanimously.

Kakuk stated that the ditching that was done on 36.5 Mile Road to prepare for the chip seal looked good.

Kakuk advised that he had received complaints that when the mowing was done on the state trunk line in the clear vision areas that the ground was too wet and the mowers got stuck and left ruts. Moilanen responded that normally the ground is not that wet in July so the operators weren't expecting it.

Kakuk had received a call that the culvert under Denny Engel's junkyard driveway may be plugged. Moilanen will have the foreman check this.

Betzinger inquired about the application that was included with the list of projects being funded with the excess funds from the state budget. Moilanen responded that the application was included for

use by the entities that had been awarded projects to request their funds, and since Menominee County Road Commission did not have any projects chosen this time around we did not have to fill out the application.

Kakuk noted that there was a \$74,287 difference between the low bid for the CR577 projects and the amount of funding that had been received from the RR&R funds and asked where the additional money would come from. Moilanen replied that Forest Funds could be used for this.

Public Comments – Joe Linder asked that if road name signs along the state highway needed to be changed, who would be responsible for the cost. Moilanen responded that a request could be sent to MDOT to change the signs.

Joe Linder asked if the 2015 Three-Way Road funding program was definitely going forward. Moilanen stated that the road commission was waiting to hear from the county board whether they had included it in their upcoming budget. Gerald Piche added that the program was in the preliminary county budget and that it would likely be approved in the final budget. Mr. Linder asked if the road commission would be able to get all of the three-way projects completed. Moilanen replied that once the program was approved the requested projects would be put into the road commissions budget and work schedule.

Mr. Linder asked when 4th Street in Nadeau would be completed. Moilanen stated that it should be done yet this year.

Joe Skrobiak stated that the culverts on each side of State W-2 Road by G-18 may be plugged. Moilanen will have the foreman check on this.

Mr. Skrobiak asked why patching wasn't getting done at the far end of the roads. Moilanen stated that minimal hand patching was being done yet this summer. The patch truck was running as well as the crack filling crew. Mr. Skrobiak noted that there was an area about 75 – 100 yards east of the bridge on G-18 that needs patching.

David Wesoloski stated that Menominee Township was in the process of determining what their 3-Way projects would be. He also asked if there was any new issues on Bay de Noc Drive that needed to be taken care of. Moilanen responded that there were not.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

Chair