

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, November 11, 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 Chuck Behrend, Joe Skrobiak, David Wesoloski, John Nerat and Darlene Nerat.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

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

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, October 13, 2014				\$2,105,434.16
Receipts thru 10/31/14	395,245.23			
Expenditures thru 10/31/14		465,121.12		
Balance, October 31, 2014				\$2,035,558.27
Michigan Transportation Funds	293,665.33			
Receipts thru 11/10/14	77,613.03			
Expenditures thru 11/10/14		436,805.86		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			124,162.00	
Balance, November 10, 2014	766,523.59	901,926.98	124,162.00	1,845,868.77
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 11/20, and 12/04 (Est.)			128,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 11/20 and 12/04 (Est.)			9,792.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			25,169.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			80,246.81	
Reserve for rental grader lease (Dec 2009)			18,261.53	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			62,964.72	
Reserve for Forest Funds			166,661.15	
Reserve RR X'ing closure funds for Nadeau Twp. projects			65,614.35	
Reserve for 2014 Federal Aid Match			30,673.05	
Reserve for RR&R project (CR577, 18th Ave to 38th Ave)			3,187.70	
Reserve for RR&R project (CR577, Klippel Ln to Chalk Hills Rd)			2,966.67	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on CR577 projects A & B			5,669.80	
Reserve for purchase of 3 Wing Plows			0.00	
Reserve for design of Stephenson heating system replacement			2,698.69	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on CR358			70,955.00	
Reserve for non-scheduled items inventory			1,800.00	
Reserve for gravel crushing			145,800.00	
Reserve for 2015 Three-Way Road Program			200,000.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay - Equipment			18,634.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay - Boiler replacement			81,314.60	(1,120,409.07)
				\$ 725,459.70

There being no questions or comments, Anderson declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 15-0003, 15-0005, 15-1031, and 15-0006 – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss correspondence regarding drainage on Croy property on Blue Fox Lane – Moilanen advised that ditching was completed on approximately 1,100 feet of the roadway, with another 670 feet remaining to be ditched when the weather permits. The area on the west side of Blue Fox lane is a

swamp and it was noted that Mr. Croy is the only resident in the area with a full basement. The drainage in the area will continue to be monitored.

Permission to bid purchase of three culvert steamers – Moilanen noted that a Hannahville 2% Grant had been awarded to the road commission for \$9,000 which should cover the cost of one of the steamers. The cost of the other two steamers had been included in the 2014/15 Budget. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to go out for bids for the purchase of the three steamers. Carried unanimously.

Discuss petition requesting location of 55 MPH signs on US 41 in Carney be changed – A petition has been received from residents of Carney and employees of the UP Telephone Company requesting that the 55 MPH speed limit sign be relocated from in front of the American Legion post to north of the Nadeau Township Hall driveway. Since this highway is under the jurisdiction of MDOT, it was moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen forward the petition to Mike Premo at the MDOT Crystal Falls TSC office. Carried unanimously.

Discuss ice control sand availability – Moilanen explained that approximately 9500 cyds of sand was needed each year for ice control. Currently the only source that the road commission has for the sand is from the Walechka pit at the north end of the county. An ad had been placed in two newspapers looking for sand to purchase in the south half of the county for \$1.00/cyd, but no response was received. The current price being paid by private contractors in the south end of the county is \$1.50/cyd. Following discussion about the cost to truck the sand from the north end to the Stephenson and Menominee districts and the availability of sand in various locations, it was moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to pay \$1.50/cyd for sand beginning today. Carried unanimously.

Discuss “pilot project” trail connector for ATV’s from Forest Island Trails to the Casino – A letter had been received from Lin Peterson, Cedarville Township Supervisor asking that the Menominee County Road Commission allow use of certain county roads as part of the proposed ATV trail. The county roads involved are Wandahsega Lane to Hannahville B1 Road to 38 Road. Liability for any damages was discussed and Moilanen noted that he had talked with Gayle Pratt, Administrator of MCRCSIP, and she had indicated that we have coverage for this type of liability already in our insurance policy.

Moilanen recommended that the proposed use for the county roads be adopted, subject to the following contingencies:

1. The Delta County Road Commission also adopts the proposal for the affected roads in their county.
2. The Hannahville Indian Community also adopts the proposal for the affected roads in their community.
3. All signage is posted by the Normenco Sportsman’s club at their expense.
4. This shall be a pilot project for no longer than one year.
5. The pilot program can be discontinued at any time if any problems arise.
6. There is a posted 25 MPH speed limit and the ATV’s are required to travel on the right hand side of the road in single file only.
7. Local law enforcement agencies can enforce the speed limit.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to adopt the pilot program with the above contingencies. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen stated that he has received a request from UP Engineers & Architects for approval of a change order for the construction engineering on the River Drive project due to extra time spent on the project because of construction activities and a ride quality issue. The additional payment being requested is \$8,200. It was noted that the paving contractor would like to use an infrared heater to heat up the asphalt so that it can be smoothed out. Kakuk stated that he was against this as this process works well for small areas, but not for large areas. Moilanen stated that his proposal to fix the problem would be to mill off approximately 4700 feet of pavement and then repave it. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Kakuk to request that the contractor comes back in the spring and mill off the bad area and repave it. Carried unanimously. It was also moved by Kakuk, seconded by Betzinger to accept the change order from UPEA for the additional \$8,200 in engineering work. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen has received a request from the Village of Carney that the road commission attend their board meeting being held on Monday, November 24, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. They would like a representative from the road commission to attend to explain to them the proper procedure to abandon a road in the village. Moilanen will attend and provide the requested

information. Commissioners will attend if they are available.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski informed the board that the annual MTA Christmas Dinner would be held on Saturday, December 13, 2014. He also asked if the construction engineer had noticed the problem on River Drive. Moilanen stated that the contracting agency can only tell the contractor that they must perform the work to meet specification, but it was up to the contractor how they meet it.

Joe Skrobiak asked if there had been a ride quality problem with a road in Wilson also. Moilanen stated that the issue there had been with the road base.

John Nerat stated that culvert west of his home did not seem to be flowing properly and water was building up on his property. Moilanen will have the foreman look at this.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

Chair