

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 22, 2015.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Denny Kosewski-MCRC Menominee District Foreman.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MELLEN TOWNSHIP

(8:54 a.m.) Present for Mellen Township was Supervisor Gerald Newlin.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Newlin and made introductions. Moilanen advised Mr. Newlin that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented Supervisor Newlin with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. A discussion was held on the possibility of graveling No. 12 Road, from US 41 east to N-1 Road and from CR577 east until the road turns north, in conjunction with Menominee Township. Any 3-Way funds left for Mellen Township would be used for graveling on other roads. Supervisor Newlin asked how many yards of gravel are used per mile of road. Moilanen responded that it takes approximately 975 cyd's of gravel per mile to put down 3 inches of gravel on a 20 foot wide road.

Moilanen asked if Mellen Township still wanted the road commission to close the park entrance road. Mr. Newlin responded that they did. Denny Kosewski asked how the township wanted the road to be closed off. Mr. Newlin stated they would like to have the ditch cut and posts put in.

Foreman Kosewski asked if the township wanted any other graveling done. Supervisor Newlin replied that Kosewski could gravel any roads where he thinks it is needed.

Supervisor Newlin stated that the township wants to double chip seal Wildwood Road and asked what the cost of the project would be. Moilanen responded that it would be about \$55,000 to pulverize, double chip seal and fog seal per mile of road. He also recommended that the project start at a point past DDT Construction as the chip seal may not hold up to the truck traffic in that area.

Supervisor Newlin advised that 16.5 Lane near the Dobby residence needed work. Kosewski replied that a grade lift was needed in that area. Mr. Newlin commented that there was also a tower on the road and it would be nice if the road was in better condition for the owners to get to the tower. Kosewski asked if the township would like the work done now while the gravel pit is open. Mr. Newlin asked Moilanen to provide a cost estimate that he can present to the township board for approval.

Supervisor Newlin updated the road commission on the plastics plant that now occupies the old Mellen school. There are now about 100 employees working on 2 shifts, and there are plans to expand again in the summer of 2015.

Kosewski asked how many yards of gravel Mellen Township would like to put down this year. Supervisor Newlin responded that in addition to the 3-Way graveling, they would like about another 1500 yards.

Mellen Township Supervisor Newlin left the meeting at 9:15 a.m.

INGALLSTON TOWNSHIP

(9:30 a.m.) Present for Ingallston Township were Supervisor Paul Anderson, Clerk Kay Keefer-Bronkhorst and Trustee Carl Johnson.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and made introductions. Moilanen advised the group that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented the township board with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Ingallston Township plans to pave S. Pinewoods Loop under the program. Supervisor Anderson asked if paving cost would be cheaper this year since the cost of oil has dropped. Moilanen responded that he was unsure since the contractors usually placed their orders for product in advance of the season. An estimate of the project cost will be provided to the township.

Moilanen advised that there were also plans to fix the Behrend driveway culvert in 2015 and that CR571 (Rangeline) would be chip sealed with federal aid funds this year. Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked why CR571 wasn't going to be paved instead. Moilanen responded that chip sealing costs quite a bit less, so more miles can be done, and that the chip seal would preserve the road for five or more years with the hope that more funding would become available.

Moilanen stated that brushing and ditching along Marsh Road and Beattie Creek Lane would be done when time permitted. Reconstruction and paving of CR348 will be a future federal aid project. Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked why CR348 was not a higher priority. Moilanen responded that it was beyond chip sealing and the road commission was currently using their federal aid funds to chip seal and preserve what they can first.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked if it would help the local road commission if the ballot proposal passed. Moilanen explained the proposal and outlined what the proposed increase to road funding could be for the road commission.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst asked if the road commission had received the road name signs that the township had ordered. Moilanen replied that they should be in the sign shop, and would be installed once a new sign man was assigned.

Kosewski asked if the township had any concerns with their gravel roads. Supervisor Anderson will call Kosewski in the spring to take a ride to look at them.

Clerk Keefer-Bronkhorst advised the board that there were trees down and some hanging in the right of way along CR338, west of the intersection with CR346, along her property line and asked if the road commission would cut them.

Moilanen asked if the township would like to have the trees cut along Dale's Lane. Supervisor Anderson responded that they would.

Supervisor Anderson noted that the south end of Butchli Road needed to be double chip sealed. They would also like to double chip seal Rangeline Road north of CR346 and the township would like to cost share the project with Mellen Township in the future.

Trustee Johnson asked when the damaged guardrail on M-35 by Bailey's Creek would be repaired. Moilanen responded that it would be fixed in the spring. There are barrels up in the area until the repairs can be made.

Ingallston Township officials left the meeting at 9:57 a.m.

CEDARVILLE TOWNSHIP

(10:02 a.m.) Present for Cedarville Township was Supervisor Linda Peterson.

Moilanen welcomed Supervisor Peterson and made introductions. Moilanen advised her that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented Ms. Peterson with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Supervisor Peterson noted that Cedarville Township will do graveling with their 3-Way funds. The township does not have a list of roads to gravel yet, but would like to take a ride with Moilanen or Kosewski in the spring to determine where the graveling was needed. Ms. Peterson stated that CR551 and Jimtown Road were probably the top priorities. Moilanen advised that improving these two roads would take more funds than were available through the 3-Way program.

Moilanen stated that the Camp O headwall would be repaired this year and that a portion of G-12 would be chip sealed. Supervisor Peterson noted there were large drop-offs by some of the

driveways on G-12. Moilanen advised that G-12 would be shouldered prior to the chip seal.

Supervisor Peterson talked about Bolen Road, west of M-35. Moilanen responded that it is a county road and is maintained by the road commission.

Supervisor Peterson asked Kosewski to let her know if he sees any road signs that are missing. The township will be replacing them as needed with larger signs and also plan to add signs showing the fire numbers assigned on each road.

Supervisor Peterson thanked the road commission board for approving the ORV Trail pilot program. Moilanen added that Delta County Road Commission has also approved the program, but was still waiting to hear from the Hannahville Indian Community where the trail will be on roads adjacent to their lands.

Supervisor Peterson stated that the township would like to designate a horse trail on CR551 from the campground north to CR360. Moilanen advised her to present a written plan to the road commission so they can research it and make a decision. It was noted that the township may need to get permission from the state as well.

Supervisor Peterson left the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

MENOMINEE TOWNSHIP

(10:30 a.m.) Supervisor Ken Goffin, Treasurer David Wesoloski and Trustees Larry Barker and Darlene Nerat were present for Menominee Township. Glen Havelka and John Nerat also joined the meeting.

Moilanen welcomed the township officials and made introductions. Moilanen advised that the road commission's ACT 51 report would be mailed to the township within the next month.

Moilanen presented the officials with a copy of the proposed work to be done in the county for 2015, along with a list of projects submitted for the upcoming 3-Way Road Funding program. Moilanen discussed the federal aid chip seal projects and noted that the roads would be shouldered prior to the chip sealing. He also advised that bridges on No. 5 Road and No. 10 Road had been funded through the Local Bridge program for 2017.

Moilanen asked if Menominee Township would want to cost share the graveling of No. 12 Road with Mellen Township as part of the 3-Way program. Supervisor Goffin stated that Menominee Township would commit to the project and asked if their township gravel could be used. Moilanen stated it could as long as it met 22A specs. Mr. Goffin stated that the township would spend the remainder of their 3-Way funds chip sealing other roads that are yet to be determined. The chip seals would be contracted out by the township.

Supervisor Goffin asked if the road commission was going to do any reconstruction in 2016. Moilanen stated it was uncertain at this time as the road commission was waiting to see if the funding proposal passes or not. He also noted that the road commission would like to focus on shouldering and other maintenance in 2016.

Supervisor Goffin stated that future projects for the township included O-1 Drive from Birch Creek to Bay de Noc Road and Bay de Noc Road from Wesoloski's south to US 41. Moilanen added that these roads would need geogrid added in some areas. Treasurer Wesoloski noted that there were bad spots near the tracks and 5.25 Lane.

The ride issues with the River Drive project were discussed. Moilanen stated that it was being disputed with Northeast Asphalt and a response hadn't been received from them yet. The road commission is asking that the contractor mill off 1 ½ inches of the asphalt from Sunset Drive to 38th Avenue, and then repave it.

Supervisor Goffin asked if the upcoming meeting that CUPPAD had announced was to discuss state or federal funds. Moilanen stated the meeting was to discuss moving funds off of a City of Stephenson project that had been postponed to chip seal projects in the county.

Supervisor Goffin asked where the funding came from for the two CR577 projects completed in 2014. Moilanen responded that those were RR&R funds from the state's general fund surplus.

Supervisor Goffin asked if the road commission would have time to do any graveling this year outside of the 3-Way funding program. Moilanen stated they would try to work it in if possible. Mr. Goffin advised that they would like to do ½ mile of 11.5 Road and that Havelka Construction would provide crushed limestone for ¼ mile of the project. The other ¼ mile would be done with crushed gravel so the two surfaces could be compared. Moilanen noted that the limestone is a good product but is hard to find. It packs well, but is a little harder to grade. Mr. Goffin asked if the road commission would be willing to pay the cost difference between the limestone and the gravel if it worked out that the limestone performed better than the gravel. Moilanen stated it would depend if there were funds available in the budget.

Menominee Township officials left the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Finance Director/Clerk

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