

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

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

Present: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joe Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Ken Goffin, Larry Barker, Gerald Piche, Chuck Behrend, David Wesoloski, John and Darlene Nerat.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – Ken Goffin discussed the variance in the numbers from the last time that the township had gravel crushed. He noted that the township will be going out to bid for gravel crushing again this spring and asked if the road commission would provide the testing for the gravel. Moilanen responded that the road commission has been contracting their gravel testing out to DGR Engineering of Carney. The testing is done at approximately every 1,000 cubic yards that are crushed. Mr. Goffin stated that the township is having approximately 12,000 cubic yards of 22A gravel crushed for use on roads in the township such as Bay de Noc Road and O-1 Road. Moilanen asked if the township had the piles surveyed when the crushing was completed in their CR338 and Windbiel pits. Mr. Goffin responded that they had not, that the contractor's belt scale had been used to determine quantities. Moilanen advised that even with the belt scale properly calibrated, the moisture content in the gravel can vary greatly causing a variance between the weight on the scale and the number of yards produced.

Ken Goffin asked about the ride problems on the River Drive project and whether there is any recourse that can be taken in this and any possible future issues. Moilanen explained that a portion of the project payment had been withheld. The road commission is on record requesting that the contractor mill off the bad portion of the pavement and repave the area. The contractor feels that the area just needs to be reheated and rolled to smooth out the ride. If an agreement cannot be reached then MDOT may need to be involved.

Mr. Goffin stated that if the ballot proposal fails it would likely still be status quo at the road commission. Moilanen stated that unfortunately it would not, as service levels would probably be reduced due to aging equipment.

Mr. Goffin stated that Menominee Township would like to chip seal Bay de Noc Road from approximately No. 7 Road to Birch Creek Road and O-1 Road from Birch Creek to the Pullman House. He also noted that they would likely use their 3-Way funds to do additional chip sealing, due to the cost of the gravel through the program. Kakuk asked what would happen if the road commission used the township's gravel for their 3-Way projects. Moilanen replied that the road commission would buy the gravel from the township and still bill the program back at the graveling rate as it would include the trucking, grading, watering and rolling of the gravel. Kakuk also noted that it should be the township's responsibility to have their gravel tested, not the road commissions, and that the township should include that requirement in their bid spec. Moilanen added that he recommends the township have the pile surveyed upon completion of the crushing so they have a more accurate quantity.

Gerald Piche stated that Faithorn Township Supervisor Jeff Kiser had asked him what portion of CR577 was all season. Moilanen replied that it was all season from the Dickinson County line, then south for approximately 8 ½ miles. Mr. Piche stated that they Mr. Kiser would also like to know how the cost of dust control applications are calculated. Moilanen explained that it was billed by the number of gallons of brine used. Some townships prefer that it be applied heavier than others, so the cost per mile of road may vary.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 02/10/15 and 02/24/15 – There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, February 9, 2015				\$1,661,892.69
Receipts thru 02/28/15	110,849.33			
Expenditures thru 02/28/15		495,021.24		
Balance, February 28, 2015				\$1,277,720.78
Michigan Transportation Funds	300,645.61			
Receipts thru 03/09/15	95,073.81			
Expenditures thru 03/09/15		69,544.32		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			134,296.00	
Balance, March 9, 2015	506,568.75	564,565.56	134,296.00	1,469,599.88
<u>Payables &amp; Reserves</u>				
Payroll 03/12, and 03/26 (Est.)			128,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 03/12 and 03/26 (Est.)			9,792.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			8,389.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			126,102.13	
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			1,418.92	
Reserve for 2015 Federal Aid Match			126,449.00	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on CR358			68,254.81	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on River Drive project			525.50	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on Pach Rd. Bridge project			36,090.00	
Reserve for 2015 Three-Way Road Program			0.00	
Reserve for Hannahville 2% funds- culvert steamer			0.00	
Reserve for purchase of 3 culvert steamers			0.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (OH on 517-518 Eq. Charges)			21,032.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay - Boiler replacement			1,500.00	(822,793.58)
				\$ 646,806.30

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

Vouchers # 15-0025, 15-0026, 15-0228, and 15-0028 – Skrobiak asked why there were two invoices from Automotive Supply for door handles for truck #133, each with a different cost. Moilanen will get clarification from the stock clerk on this. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss extension of contract with S&S Mowing for roadside mowing for 2015 and 2016 – Moilanen explained that the original contract was for three years, but that it also provided for 2 one year extensions. The contractor has offered to hold their 2014 price for 2015 and 2016. Moilanen noted that the second mowing each year was included in the price, but would only be done at the discretion of the road commission. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to accept the offer to extend the contract for 2015 and 2016 at the 2014 pricing. Carried unanimously.

Discuss/update FMLA policy – Moilanen stated that Menominee County Road Commission followed the FMLA years back when we had more than 50 employees. We currently have less than 50 employees so we would not have to follow the FMLA per the law, however, it is stated in the union contract that the FMLA will be followed. If the road commission were to consider discontinuing following the FMLA, it would have to be an item negotiated with the union.

Discuss Hannahville 2% Grant request – Moilanen stated that the 2% Grant Applications are due by March 31, 2015. Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson to apply for funds to help cover the purchase of a crack filling machine. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to go out to bid for the purchase of a crack filling machine and to rent a crack filling machine until the new machine is received if necessary. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson to hire 6-8 summer temporary employees. Carried unanimously.

Discuss possible surplus equipment sale for spring of 2015 – Moilanen stated that there were several obsolete unused items that could be sold on bids rather than continuing to store them. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen compile a list of items to present to the board at the April meeting, with the bids to be opened in May. Carried unanimously.

Update on RFP's for 2015 Bridge Inspections – Moilanen stated that he had received the following RFP's to perform the bridge inspections for 2015: AE Com - \$18,622 and Ayres & Associates - \$12,425. Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson to award the work to Ayres & Associates. Carried unanimously.

Closed session to discuss union contract negotiations – This item was moved to the end of the meeting, following Public Comments.

Any other business – Moilanen stated that he had received notice of two upcoming informational meetings for the May 5 ballot proposal. Representative Ed McBroom will be holding a meeting on Friday, March 13 at 9 am in Quinnesec and Senator Tom Casperson will be holding a meeting on Friday, March 13 at 1 pm in Newberry.

Kakuk stated that the shoulders look good since the crew cleared the snow back.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski commented that the crew did a nice job with the brushing on US 41. He also noted that there was an error in the minutes for the meeting held with Menominee Township on January 22. The minutes state that a future project for the township would be Bay De Noc Road, from Wesoloski's south to US 41. The project would actually end at the church.

Closed session to discuss union contract negotiations – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to move to closed session at 9:41 a.m. and place a conference call to labor attorney Tom Derderian to get updated on the status of the union contract negotiations. Carried unanimously.

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Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to return to open session at 10:24 p.m.  
The board will wait for a response from Attorney Derderian and union officials before taking any action.

Skrobiak asked what the 3 pressure washers that were purchased will be used for. Moilanen replied that they are for steaming culverts. Skrobiak would like to see it operate when the crew is using it in the Miscauno Island Road area.

Kakuk, Skrobiak and Moilanen will be attending the meeting in Quinnesec being held by Representative McBroom on March 13. Anderson will also attend if he is available.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

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