

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, April 7, 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 Gerald Piche, Larry Barker and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 03/10/15 and 03/31/15 – There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, March 9, 2015				\$1,603,895.88
Receipts thru 03/31/15	12,516.05			
Expenditures thru 03/31/15		310,487.88		
Balance, March 31, 2015				\$1,305,924.05
Michigan Transportation Funds	368,017.48			
Receipts thru 04/06/15	0.00			
Expenditures thru 04/06/15		0.00		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			134,296.00	
Balance, April 6, 2015	380,533.53	310,487.88	134,296.00	1,539,645.53
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 04/09, and 04/23 (Est.)			128,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 04/09 and 04/23 (Est.)			9,792.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			16,779.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			143,032.00	
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			67,049.76	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on River Drive project			525.50	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on Pach Rd. Bridge project			34,837.75	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (OH on 517-518 Eq. Charges)			21,032.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay - Boiler replacement			1,500.00	(845,656.15)
				\$ 693,989.38

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

Vouchers # 15-0030, 15-0032 and 15-0331 – Kakuk asked what was included in the invoice from the labor attorney for the recent union negotiations. Moilanen stated that it included all costs for the negotiations including travel. Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for culverts and bands – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

St. Regis Culvert, Inc., Charlotte, MI	Total Bid \$110,482.50
UP Concrete Pipe Co., Escanaba, MI	Total Bid \$ 85,202.50
Jenson Bridge & Supply Co., Sandusky, MI	No Bid
Contech Construction, Kimberly, WI	Total Bid \$ 91,097.50

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have the bids tabulated and presented to the board for award of the bid at the next meeting. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for emulsion for patch truck - Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Flint Hills Resources LP, Dubuque, IA	\$2.44/gallon
Michigan Paving & Materials Co., Alma, MI	\$2.50/gallon

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to award to the low bidder, Flint Hills Resources, pending tabulation of the bids. Carried unanimously.

Discuss letter from Barley regarding ride quality on River Drive – Moilanen stated that the road commission had previously decided to ask that the contractor mill off the pavement from 38th Avenue to Sunset Drive and repave the top course of pavement for this portion of the project. Northeast Asphalt, the paving subcontractor on the project, responded that they feel the ride quality can be improved to meet specifications by reheating and re-rolling the areas in question. UP Engineers & Architects have reviewed the contract and MDOT Spec’s also and has suggested that the contractor’s method of correction could be tried in one or two areas and if it’s not working then other corrective action could be taken. Kakuk stated that he felt that a poor job had been done with the paving and that the material underneath the culverts had not been compacted enough. Moilanen replied that an option for the culverts may be to install layers of geogrid and gravel under them. All three commissioners noted that they had driven on River Drive and that the ride quality was very poor and since the paving would be there for 30 years or more it should be corrected. Moilanen asked what course of action the board wanted him to take. Kakuk replied that if he had done the work he would have fixed it at his own expense and that he feels the board should not back down on their request to have the area in question repaved. It was moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen get the MDOT TSC Office come in to inspect the project and offer their opinion on the problem. Carried unanimously.

Permission to send 3-5 trucks in for body work, sandblasting and painting – Moilanen explained that the road commission had already sent in 8 truck in the past few years to have the box and frame sandblasted and repainted. There are still 4 more of the newer trucks that need the work done. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to proceed to get quotes to have the work done. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen asked for permission to hire consultants to perform the construction engineering and any necessary testing on the Vega Road project. Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson to allow Moilanen to hire the consultants. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen stated that the next Great Lakes Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 7 in Baraga and asked the commissioners to let Savord know if they plan to attend.

Skrobiak noted that there are several signs on G-18 that are so worn they can’t be seen well at night. There are 6 “Do Not Pass” and 2 “Pass With Care” in the eastbound lanes and 6 “Do Not Pass” and 6 “Pass With Care” signs in the westbound lanes that all should be replaced. Moilanen will pass the information on to the sign man.

Gerald Piche stated that he is happy that the road commission is taking a stand regarding the problems on River Drive and noted that even if you lose, you win by making the statement that poor quality work will not be tolerated. Kakuk added that if the contractor isn’t willing to fix the problem they should not be allowed to perform work in Menominee County any longer.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski stated that he was asked why the drain commissioner didn’t take action about the standing water along River Drive. He also noted that the Menominee Township Board would likely go on record in support of the road commission’s stand on the ride quality issues on River Drive. Mr. Wesoloski also gave the following list of projects that Menominee Township would be applying their 3-Way Road Funding money to: Crack filling approximately 2.8 miles of No. 10 Road; chip sealing approximately 1.8 miles of Sobieski Road to the west; chip sealing Fairland Loop; and chip sealing approximately 1.4 mile of Bay de Noc Road to the north.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:41 a.m.