

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Wednesday, August 12, 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 Matt Hanson & Scott Lippens from Nortrax, Tom Olson from Fabick Cat, Larry Barker and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – Tom Olson asked to be heard under agenda item # 8 – Discuss/award bids for graders. Scott Lippens also asked to be heard under agenda item # 8.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 07/14/15 and 08/04/15 – There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, July 13, 2015				\$1,671,249.91
Receipts thru 07/31/15	11,257.14			
Expenditures thru 07/31/15		337,849.23		
Balance, July 31, 2015				\$1,344,657.82
Michigan Transportation Funds	316,883.23			
Receipts thru 08/10/15	160,280.41			
Expenditures thru 08/10/15		95,998.15		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			134,296.00	
Balance, August 10, 2015	488,420.78	433,847.38	134,296.00	1,591,527.31
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 08/13, and 08/27 (Est.)			133,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 08/13 and 08/27 (Est.)			10,174.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			29,370.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			47,677.32	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			65,053.62	
Reserve for Forest Funds			166,661.15	
Reserve RR X'ing closure funds for Nadeau Twp. projects			34,708.92	
Reserve for 2014 Federal Aid Match			1,418.92	
Reserve for 2015 Federal Aid Match			31,124.23	
Reserve for 2016 Federal Aid Match			279,000.00	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on CR358			27,583.63	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on River Drive project			525.50	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on Pach Rd. Bridge project			26,939.92	
Reserve for Design Engineering for No. 5 Road & No. 10 Road bridges			57,560.00	
Reserve for Hannahville 2% funds- crack filling machine			30,000.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (OH on 517-518 Eq. Charges)			21,032.00	(961,829.71)
				\$ 629,697.60

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

Vouchers # 15-0048, 15-0731 and 15-0051 – Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved. Carried unanimously.

Discuss/award bids for graders – Tom Olson from Fabick Cat addressed the board about the positive

experience he feels the road commission has had in the past with Cat graders and Fabick's service. He also noted that the graders that Fabick Cat bid do meet all the bid specifications. The two current units under lease by the road commission from Cat have gained \$35,000 in equity and the trade in quoted on the three owned graders was higher than that bid by Nortrax and that higher value could be applied toward the new graders. Cat Financial also offers a buyback on all the leased graders.

Scott Lippens, Nortrax Equipment, advised the board that if the John Deere graders were leased or purchased they would come with new side wings, not used. The John Deere 770GP that was bid is one step above the Cat 12M3 with higher horsepower on the top end. The John Deere graders would also come equipped with the JDLink system that would allow for mechanical problems to be diagnosed via satellite. Kakuk asked if John Deere had corrected the problem they previously had with the moldboards. Mr. Lippens responded that they were now using teflon bushings. Kakuk asked why the grader that was provided as a demo was not the model that was bid. Mr. Lippens stated that they didn't have a 770GP model available to demo within the necessary time frame. Kakuk noted that the cab heater on the John Deere was 36,000 BTU compared to the Cat cab heater at 45,000 BTU and asked if the 36,000 BTU heater was adequate. Mr. Lippens responded that they had not had any complaints and that the design of their cab with flat windows seemed to be better for heating and also not frosting up as much. Skrobiak asked how the outside lighting was at night in a snow storm. Lippens stated that it was good and that it did meet the bid specifications.

Moilanen advised the board that it would cost too much to purchase 5-6 graders outright. A lease would be more affordable, but the road commission would have no equity in the machines at the end of the 5 years. To lease 3 John Deere graders and 2 Cat graders would be approximately \$429,872 for the 5 years; to lease 4 John Deere and 2 Cat graders would cost approximately \$573,694 for the 5 years; and leasing 3 John Deere and 3 Cat graders would cost approximately \$584,249 over the 5 year lease. These amounts include the addition of backup cameras on each grader.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to lease 3 John Deere 770GP graders and 3 Cat 12M3 graders for 5 years at an approximate total cost of \$584,249. Carried unanimously.

Discuss/award bids for paving Eustis Road and No. 25 Road – Moilanen advised the board that bids were opened on August 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. and read aloud as follows:

Eustis Road:	Bacco Construction Co.	\$86,653.35
	Payne & Dolan, Inc.	\$87,921.15

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to award to Bacco Construction Co., pending approval from Harris Township. Carried unanimously.

No. 25 Road:	Bacco Construction Co.	\$191,871.80
	Payne & Dolan, Inc.	\$224,822.45

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to award to Bacco Construction Co., pending approval from Daggett Township. Carried unanimously.

Discuss possible second mowing on county system – Moilanen stated that a second mowing in Menominee, Ingallston and Mellen Townships would cost about \$10,000. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to not do a second mowing this year. Carried unanimously.

Discuss request from UP Phragmites Coalition for permission to treat phragmites infestations in the county road right of way – Moilanen explained that he had received an email from Jason Schnorr, Regional Project Manager of the UP Phragmites Coalition, requesting permission to treat the areas with phragmites that fall within the county road right of way. The treatment used is similar to Round Up. If the areas of infestation go beyond the right of way onto private property they would get the landowners permission prior to applying the treatment. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to grant the UP Phragmites Coalition permission to treat areas infested with phragmites in the county road right of way, as long as they are agreeable to fielding all calls from citizens concerning the treatment. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Anderson asked if the board should go into closed session to discuss filling the Powers District foreman position. Moilanen stated that the discussion would not be eligible for closed session. Moilanen advised that Mike Arnold was acting as interim foreman for now and that he would like to get done with the current construction season prior to a decision being made about how the vacancy would be handled.

Skrobiak asked if there was still time to schedule some shouldering on G-18 this year. Moilanen replied that the crew was busy with 3-Way program and then would need to move onto the state highway in September to complete the budgeted work for them. He will try to find time to work on the shoulders in the hills on G-18 if possible.

Skrobiak asked for an update on the road in front of Performance Lumber in Carney. Moilanen stated that Scott Wall from Performance Lumber is pursuing having the road abandoned by the Village of Carney. If the abandonment is approved then the road commission would need to have a turn-around for winter plowing.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski asked if the areas with the phragmites infestations had been identified. Moilanen provided him with Jason Schnorr's phone number to call for that information.

Mr. Wesoloski advised the board that the chip seals contracted by Menominee Township had not been done yet and that he will provide cost information once they are complete. He also asked when the No. 10 Lane Bridge was scheduled to be replaced. Moilanen responded that it would likely be bid in late 2016 for replacement in 2017.

Mr. Wesoloski stated that Menominee Township's gravel crushing was now complete and that the township board had set a price of \$5.50/cyd. Just over 10,000 cyd's have been crushed.

Moilanen asked what Menominee Township planned on doing with O-1 Drive. Mr. Wesoloski replied that they would like to reconstruct and pave that road, as well as a portion of Bay de Noc Road.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

Chair