

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Jerry Piche, Joe Linder, Chuck Behrend, Larry Barker, Edith Vincent, Glen Koenig, Darlene Ruelle, Ron Zaretzke and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None

Public comments – Darlene Ruelle requested to speak regarding Miscauno Island Drive. It was noted that this is agenda item #9 and her comments will be allowed at that time.

Edith Vincent stated that her son’s driveway at W4225 CR358 was left with very steep access to CR358 due to the recent construction. Moilanen will take a look at it. Ms. Vincent also noted that a nice job had been done on No. 25 Road.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 09/08/15 and 09/29/15–There being no additions or corrections, Kakuk declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, September 7, 2015				\$1,722,380.73
Receipts thru 09/30/15	200,036.05			
Expenditures thru 09/30/15		249,217.93		
Balance, September 30, 2015				\$1,673,198.85
Michigan Transportation Funds	312,801.18			
Receipts thru 10/12/15	87,429.29			
Expenditures thru 10/12/15		119,111.14		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			134,296.00	
Balance, October 12, 2015	600,266.52	368,329.07	134,296.00	1,820,022.18
<u>Payables & Reserves</u>				
Payroll 10/22, and 11/05 (Est.)			133,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 10/22 and 11/05 (Est.)			10,174.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			19,580.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			71,515.98	
Reserve for rental grader leases (Oct 2010)			65,053.62	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,014.64	
Reserve RR X'ing closure funds for Nadeau Twp. projects			34,602.30	
Reserve for 2014 Federal Aid Match			1,418.92	
Reserve for 2015 Federal Aid Match			17,178.19	
Reserve for 2016 Federal Aid Match			279,000.00	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on CR358			8,421.10	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on River Drive project			366.50	
Reserve for Construction Engineering on Pach Rd. Bridge project			0.00	
Reserve for Density Testing on No 25 Road & Eustis Road paving jobs			4,750.00	
Reserve for Design Engineering for No. 5 Road & No. 10 Road bridges			42,343.20	
Reserve for Hannahville 2% funds- crack filling machine			30,000.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (OH on 517-518 Eq. Charges)			115,528.00	(993,946.95)
				\$ 826,075.23

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

Vouchers # 15-0057, 15-0930, 16-0001 and 16-0003 – Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for foreman’s pickups – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Riverside Auto, Marinette, WI \$134,475.00 for three 2016 Dodge Ram 3500 Crew Cab pickups.

Town & Country, Quinnesec, MI \$111,942.00 for three 2016 Ford F250 Crew Cab pickups.

Riverside Auto, Escanaba, MI \$118,956.60 for three 2016 GMC Sierra Crew Cab pickups.

Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Anderson to have the bids tabulated for review. Carried unanimously.

Discuss correspondence from residents on Miscauno Island Drive – A group of residents from Miscauno Island Drive are requesting that the road commission begin maintaining the remaining .3 mile of road that is currently privately held. They stated that the post office will not guarantee them delivery of their mail at this time. Moilanen explained that this same request had been brought to the road commission in 2003 and research at that time showed that this portion of the road was part of a privately owned lots and that responsibility for the maintenance of the road is included in each landowner's deed. Information had been provided at that time regarding the necessary steps to bring the road up to standards before the road commission could legally take it into the county road system. This information was again provided to the residents in attendance. The steps include having the necessary road improvements designed by a licensed engineer. The plans would then be provided to the road commission board for approval. Once the plans are approved the road would then need to be built according to those plans. Once built, the road would be inspected to be sure it was built to plans. It would also be necessary to have a turn-around area for the plow truck. The road commission could then take action to add the road to their jurisdiction. All necessary engineering and construction costs to bring the road up to standard would be at the expense of the landowners. The residents noted that they had already made improvements by removing some trees along the side of roadway. They also noted that the owner of the Four Seasons Club owned the bridges to the island and would soon be closing them to public traffic. They are concerned with getting their mail and being provided with emergency services if the road is not maintained by the road commission. Kakuk suggested that they bring their concerns to Holmes Township officials to see if they are willing to participate in the cost of bringing the road up to standards. Moilanen added that there may be legal costs involved with taking over the easement for the right of way as it is now deeded to the private landowners.

Act on CRASIF resolution regarding proposed conversion to a mutual insurance company – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to adopt the resolution in support of CRASIF converting from a self-insurers' fund governed by the Worker's Disability Compensation Act of 1969 into a mutual insurance company governed under the Michigan Insurance Code. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid Cutting Edges for Moldboard Assemblies – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen go out to bids for cutting edges for the 2015/16 winter season. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen asked for permission to hire DGR Engineering to perform traffic counts and process necessary documents for the 2016 and 2017 federal aid chip seal projects. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to approve hiring DGR Engineering. Carried unanimously.

Joe Linder commented that there are many roads in the county that need to have the shoulders pulled in and also asked if patching would be done before winter. Moilanen responded that the crews were finishing up with projects and would go back to maintenance in the next week or so.

Skrobiak asked what needed to be done by Hoduski's farm to improve the drainage. Moilanen replied that the slope of the road would be pitched in one direction.

Joe Linder asked if the grader could be sent out on No. 15 Road to knock the edges down to allow for better drainage. Moilanen will let the foreman know.

Skrobiak stated that St. John Forest Products was logging on State W-2 Road and that there was a hole in the road about a half mile in from G-18 that should be repaired.

Kakuk asked when Bacco would be in to pave No. 25 Road. Moilanen replied they were scheduled for the week of October 19.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski asked if there had been any resolution on the River Drive ride quality issue. Moilanen stated that he had met with MDOT about the issue and that they recommended asking for a credit of approximately \$38,000. This request would need to go to the contractor and if they disagree with the credit amount they would have to take it to the next step in the process.

Jerry Piche asked what the red flags were marking on G-18, between Carne and Nathan. Moilanen replied that it was not anything that the road commission was involved with. Kakuk stated that the flags may have the name of the company marked on them. Mr. Piche also remarked that there have been utility company trucks parking on the sides of the roads, sometimes on hills, with no warning signs or flashers on and he feels it is a safety issue. Moilanen stated that if he notices this again he should call the road commission because if they are operating in the right of way with a permit that we issued they are supposed to provide signs, and flagmen if needed, for safety. If they are not, then their permit could be revoked.

Mr. Piche asked if MJ Electric has reimbursed for any of the damage they have caused to the roads. Moilanen stated that we are working with them and that we have received some reimbursement already and that other areas are being monitored.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

Chair