

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: William Anderson, Anthony Kakuk, Joseph Skrobiak, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Larry Barker and David Wesoloski.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public Appearances – None.

Discuss/Award bid for cutting edges for moldboard assemblies – Moilanen noted that the bid from D.A. McPherson was the lowest, but they did not meet specifications. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to award the bid to the next lowest bidder, H & L Mesabi of Negaunee, MI for \$28,425.00. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for Engineer/Manager vehicle – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Riverside Chevrolet, Escanaba, MI	\$50,003.00
2016 Chev Tahoe LT	
Optional Undercoating	\$ 1,095.00
Edwards Chevrolet, Iron Mountain, MI	\$50,357.00
2016 Chevrolet Tahoe LT	
Optional Undercoating	No Bid-Voids Warranty
Era Chevrolet, Norway, MI	\$47,495.00
2016 Chev Tahoe w/o added safety features	
Optional Undercoating	Standard
Era Chevrolet, Norway, MI	\$50,345.00
2016 Chev Tahoe with safety features	
Optional Undercoating	Standard

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to award the bid to Riverside Chevrolet, Escanaba, MI. Carried unanimously. Moilanen will check with the dealership regarding whether the optional undercoating would void the warranty.

Discuss request from CUPPAD for letter of support – Moilanen explained that a letter had been received from CUPPAD requesting a letter of support from the road commission for their Regional Prosperity Council Grant application. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen provide the letter. Carried unanimously.

Discuss participation in Great Lakes Council public service announcements – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to not participate in the cost since many residents in Menominee County are unable to receive WLUC TV 6 programming. Carried unanimously.

Discuss MERS Actuarial Study – Moilanen stated that an actuarial study had been received from MERS showing the cost to close the current defined benefit pension plans and open a defined contribution plan for all new hires. A 457 Deferred Contribution Plan that would allow all road commission employees to make voluntary pre-tax contributions for retirement was also discussed. The 457 Plan would be at no cost to the road commission.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to have Moilanen sign the MERS Resolution and execute all other necessary paperwork to move all new employees to a defined contribution plan. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen sign the MERS Resolution and execute all other necessary paperwork to create a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan available to all

road commission employees, at no cost to the road commission. Carried unanimously.

Other Business – Skrobiak asked if the graders were still out grading. Moilanen responded that they were out last week but the roads are beginning to freeze now. Skrobiak stated that Miscauno Island Road needed grading when possible again.

Anderson stated that Cedarville Township Supervisor Linda Peterson had told him that there were some large holes on CR551 where the driveway to the church come down. Moilanen will have the foreman look at the area and fill in the holes as needed.

Public Comments – Davis Wesoloski noted that he had received a copy of the county Emergency Management Plan and that in Chapter 5 it stated that the townships were responsible for road emergencies, and it should read that the road commission has that responsibility. He asked if the road commission could contact the county and have it corrected. Moilanen will talk to County Administrator Brian Bousley about this.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director-Clerk

Road Commission Chair