

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 10, December 13, 2017.

Chair Anderson 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 Pat Kleikamp, Bonnie Nyquist, Larry Barker, Bob Desjarlais, Dale Anderson, Jeremy Havelka, Kevin Havelka, Davis Wesoloski, Dena Kempf and Troy Redfearn.

Absent: None

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – Pat Kleikamp, representing Normenco Sportsman Club, stated that the club would still like to extend the ORV trail off of the old Soo Line railroad tracks to Bark River, and make it open for snowmobiles also. They would also like to extend the trail into the Stephenson area in the area of the Westman Dam Road at a later date. The club would like to have the road commission take another look at the information presented to them previously and decide if they still approve of the first proposal made by the club. Moilanen advised that the road commission had approved the Soo Grade to Bark River trail back in December, 2013 with the stipulation that Normenco would be responsible for all signs and would carry insurance indemnifying the road commission from any liability. At that time, the club had not stated that the trail would be for snowmobile use also. Mr. Kleikamp noted that Normenco would run their groomer on the trails, but not on the road shoulders. Moilanen stated that the road commission would need to decide whether or not they want to allow the snowmobiles to travel on the shoulders of the roadway, as those areas would then need to be plowed differently to accommodate them. Anderson advised Mr. Kleikamp that the board would discuss the matter and make their decision at the February board meeting.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 12/13/16, 12/15/16 and 01/03/17 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, December 12, 2016				\$2,614,522.10
Receipts thru 12/31/16	68,989.27			
Expenditures thru 12/31/16		414,121.56		
Balance, December 31, 2016				\$2,269,389.81
Michigan Transportation Funds	318,611.13			
Receipts thru 01/09/17	0.00			
Expenditures thru 01/09/17		32,507.24		
Set aside for purchase of graders in 2020			150,000.00	
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			85,114.00	
Balance, January 9, 2017	387,600.40	446,628.80	235,114.00	2,320,379.70
<u>Payables &amp; Reserves</u>				
Payroll 01/29, and 02/09 (Est.)			135,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 01/29 and 02/09 (Est.)			10,327.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			13,804.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			109,331.28	
Reserve for rental grader leases - John Deere (Oct 2015)			114,501.00	
Reserve for rental grader leases - Cat Financial (Dec 2015)			345,253.64	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,012.59	
Reserve for 2015 Federal Aid Match			189.00	
Reserve for 2016 Federal Aid Match			43,544.78	
Reserve for Federal Aid Match for No. 5 Rd. Bridge			20,000.00	
Reserve for Federal Aid Match for No. 10 Ln. Bridge			21,000.00	
Reserve for Design Engineering for No. 5 Road & No. 10 Road bridges			5,630.54	
Reserve for 2016 bridge inspections			840.00	
Reserve for Scour Protection bid documents & oversight			9,500.00	
Reserve for Vega Road box culvert			26,400.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (3 plow trucks, paint cart)			680,000.00	(1,696,334.33)
				\$ 624,045.37

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

Vouchers # 17-0014, 17-0016, 17-1231, and 17-0017 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for gravel crushing – Moilanen stated that the bids were for 30,000 tons of 22A crushed gravel. Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Iron City Enterprises, Menominee, MI	\$3.73/ton for a total bid of \$111,900.00
Havelka Construction, Wallace, MI	\$3.89/ton for a total bid of \$116,700.00
Payne & Dolan, Inc., Gladstone, MI	\$4.40/ton for a total bid of \$132,000.00
Northstar Crushing, Gladstone, MI	\$4.17/ton for a total bid of \$125,100.00

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to award to the low bidder, Iron City Enterprises. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for three tandem dump trucks – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

JX Peterbilt, Green Bay, WI	One truck:	\$242,921.00
	Three trucks	\$728,763.00
UP Truck Center, Quinnesec, MI	One truck:	\$227,367.00
	Three trucks	\$682,101.00

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to have the bids tabulated to award at the next meeting. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid the following items: a. Roadside Mowing, b. Culverts & Bands, and c. CRS2 Emulsion for patch truck - Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Skrobiak to have Moilanen go out to bid for these items. Carried unanimously.

Permission to hire consultant to prepare bid package to reline culvert at Shakey Lakes Dam – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to allow Moilanen to hire a consultant to prepare the bid package. Carried unanimously.

Permission to hire consultant for inspection of the No. 5 Road and No. 10 Road Bridge projects – Moilanen advised the board that the bids had been opened and they were over the engineer's estimate by more than \$100,000. Moilanen had reviewed all bids and did not think it would be advantageous to try to rebid the projects. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to allow Moilanen to hire a consultant to inspect the two bridge projects. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen advised the board that he had received an email requesting permission to close certain roads in the north end of the county for a Pro Rally race. The race is still in the planning stages and the date of the race has not yet been determined. The organization would take care of placing and removing the necessary barricades to close the roads and the closures would only last for a few hours. Moved by Skrobiak, seconded by Kakuk to allow the group to hold the race and close the roads as long as they request and receive a permit from the road commission, indemnify the road commission from any liability arising out of the race activities and pay for repairs if any damage is done to the roads. Carried unanimously.

Kakuk noted that he had received a phone call from a resident on LaBelle Road in Spalding Township regarding the condition of the road. He advised the resident to attend the upcoming meeting between Spalding Township and the road commission. Anderson and Skrobiak had heard from this person as well.

Due to the bad smell/taste of the water, Kakuk asked Moilanen to get quotes for water filters and softeners for the Stephenson building, to be considered at the next board meeting.

Public Comment – Bob Desjarlais thanked the board for the decisions made at the December 15, 2016 meeting. He suggested that the road commission do a study of the current and ongoing condition of the roads leading to the mine area. Dena Kempf stated that she agreed with that suggestion.

Kevin Havelka asked if private funds would be needed to upgrade a road to Class A for a business, or if the road commission paid the full cost. Moilanen explained that a Category A grant was sometimes available if the business was willing to let MDOT look at their books and if jobs were

going to be created. This type of grant requires a 20% local match.

Dale Anderson talked about being a part of the mine permit law work group and stated that if the mine is able to meet all requirements for the permits, then the state must grant them. He also noted that he thought the road through the current DNR land was a good idea as it avoided the cultural areas, and asked that the board reconsider this as an option. Bob Desjarlais stated that the two permits that had been issued, were issued with many pages of conditions that the mine would need to meet, and that none of the permits would become effective until all four were approved.

Kevin Havelka asked about the ordinance in Lake Township regarding taking more than 500 yards of material. Moilanen advised him to contact Lake Township officials for this information.

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

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Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

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