

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, November 14, 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, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Elaine Mayer, Dale Burie, Tina Lesperance, Mary Hanson, Lea Jane Burie, Regina Chaltry, Douglas Stephen, Scott Lindquist, Jeff Budish, Charlene Peterson, David Wesoloski, Larry Barker and Polly Hubbard.

Absent: None

Public comments – The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed Aquila Resources Back Forty Mine: Dale Burie (President of Coalition to Save the Menominee River), Lea Jane Burie, Douglas Stephen, Jeffrey Budish, Scott Lindquist, Polly Hubbard, Tina Lesperance, Mary Hanson and Regina Chaltry. Members of this group cited concerns over pollution; safety; risks from human error, mechanical failure and acts of God; cyanide contamination; size of the proposed mine; lack of a cleanup plan if pollution should occur; mine investors pulling out and leaving local units left to pay for cleanup/damages; property values dropping due to the proposed mine site; contamination of drinking water/wells; excessive noise; impact to farm animals and wildlife; the possibility of dangerous chemical spills. The group also thanked the road commission for the decisions they have made thus far regarding the proposed rerouting of River Road. This group of persons left the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Public appearances – None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 10/10/17 and 10/27/17 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared the minutes will stand as written.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables / Reserves	Balances
Balance, October 9, 2017				\$3,034,390.99
Receipts thru 10/31/17	355,053.89			
Expenditures thru 10/31/17		290,035.46		
Balance, October 31, 2017				\$3,099,409.42
Michigan Transportation Funds	427,371.71			
Receipts thru 11/09/17	161,012.09			
Expenditures thru 11/09/17		82,656.28		
Set aside for purchase of graders in 2020			300,000.00	
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			89,679.00	
Balance, November 9, 2017	943,437.69	372,691.74	389,679.00	3,215,457.94
<u>Payables &amp; Reserves</u>				
Payroll 11/16, and 11/30 (Est.)			135,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 11/16 and 11/30 (Est.)			10,327.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			26,892.98	
Reserve for liability insurance			75,982.69	
Reserve for rental grader leases - John Deere (Oct 2015)			76,334.00	
Reserve for rental grader leases - Cat Financial (Dec 2015)			345,253.64	
Reserve for Forest Funds			193,630.35	
Reserve for 2018 3-Way Road Funding Program			200,000.00	
Reserve for 2016 Federal Aid Match			106.85	
Reserve for Federal Aid Match for No. 5 Rd. Bridge			1,918.33	
Reserve for Federal Aid Match for No. 10 Ln. Bridge			15,928.66	
Reserve for Construction Engineering for No. 5 Rd. & No. 10 Ln. Bridges			23,100.54	
Reserve for Design Engineering for CR 360			541.18	
Reserve for Design Engineering for C-1 Road Bridge			28,761.34	
Reserve for Scour Protection bid documents & oversight			3,931.50	
Reserve for Crushing & Stockpiling 15,000 tons 23A Limestone			13,193.87	
Reserve for Design Engineering for CR 400			23,330.00	

Reserve for Vega Road box culvert			0.00	
Reserve for Bridge scour protection			476,765.00	
Reserve for Shakey Lakes Culvert Repair			497,000.00	
Reserve for Capital Outlay-Equipment (3 plow trucks)			322,203.00	(2,470,201.43)
				\$ 745,256.51

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

Vouchers # 18-0004, 18-1031, and 18-0006 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss/approve preliminary 2018 Township/Road Commission Annual Meetings schedule – The board was presented with a proposed schedule for the annual meetings to be held on January 15, 16 & 18, 2018. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kakuk to approve the preliminary schedule and have Savord send notice to the townships to determine if the meeting times work for them. Carried unanimously.

Discuss participation in Great Lakes Council public service announcements – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kline not to participate in the cost of the public service announcements. Carried unanimously.

Discuss future staffing needs – Moilanen advised the board that there is a full time road commission employee that is interested in acting as weighmaster. For the past few years a temporary employee had been hired to fill these duties. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to give the position of weighmaster to the permanent employee, send him to the Truck Traffic Enforcement Seminar in Mt. Pleasant January 16-18, 2018, and to have him train with the temporary employee during the 2018 weight restriction season. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen also asked for permission to hire a part time Office/Accounting Assistant to help with increased workloads and cover for vacations/absences, and to add additional employees as needed due to pending retirements/increased workloads. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to approve the request. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen advised the board that a Hannahville 2% Grant had been approved for \$20,000 to be used toward the purchase of a pickup to pull the crack filling machine.

Public Comment – David Wesoloski asked when the final billing for Menominee Township’s share of the No. 5 Road and No. 10 Lane bridges would be due. Savord advised that once the remaining pay estimate to the contractor was filed, that the balance due from the township would be billed. Mr. Wesoloski also asked when payment would be expected on the Bay de Noc Drive project. Moilanen stated that it would be billed at the completion of the project next spring.

Charlene Peterson asked for an update on the Shakey Lakes Dam culver relining. Moilanen advised that the project would likely not be completed until next spring and that the contractor would be removing their equipment from the area for the winter.

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

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Road Commission Finance Director / Clerk

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