

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, September 27, 2018.

Chair Kakuk 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 Joe Linder and Larry Barker.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public Appearances – None.

Discuss/approve 2017/2018 Budget Amendment # 2 – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Anderson to adopt the 2017/2018 Budget Amendment # 2 as presented. Carried unanimously.

Menominee County Road Commission						
FISCAL 2017/2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2						
	FY 2015/2016	FY 2016/2017	Budget 2017/2018	Budget 2017/2018	Budget 2017/2018	Budget 2017/2018
	Actual	Actual	Recommended	Amended Amount #1	Amended Amount #2	Total
REVENUES						
Mich. Transportation Funds	\$3,595,851	\$4,530,436	\$4,451,500	\$359,238	\$251,700	\$5,062,438
Special State Funds	771,291	278,142	561,245	584,664	(88,773)	\$1,057,136
Federal Funds	1,482,466	1,124,245	1,677,418	(254,500)	(10,598)	\$1,412,320
County Raised Funds	1,334,993	1,587,804	1,951,790	(598,790)	12,550	\$1,365,550
Gain/Loss Equip. Disposal	164,512	(427)	0	325,155	0	\$325,155
Other Contributions	<u>785,777</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$8,134,891</u>	<u>\$7,520,200</u>	<u>\$8,641,953</u>	<u>\$445,767</u>	<u>\$149,879</u>	<u>\$9,237,599</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Primary Roads	3,142,137	2,231,819	4,749,477	(423,100)	(308,000)	\$4,018,377
Local Roads	2,504,146	3,273,733	2,345,397	0	397,962	\$2,743,359
State T/L Maintenance	720,332	713,518	706,000	0	40,000	\$746,000
TWA/Other T/L Maintenance	86,852	45,291	15,000	50,000	2,500	\$67,500
Equipment Expense (Net)	(362,872)	(289,513)	(280,000)	140,000	(50,000)	(\$190,000)
Administrative Expense (Net)	420,960	425,046	237,000	0	11,800	\$248,800
Distributive Expense	0	0	1,550,000	(15,000)	(187,000)	\$1,348,000
Capital Outlay (Net)	768,928	161,371	(315,000)	800,000	(166,631)	\$318,369
Miscellaneous	65,054	86,313	86,313	0	0	\$86,313
Special Projects	0	0	0	0	0	\$0
Contingencies	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$7,345,534</u>	<u>\$6,647,578</u>	<u>\$9,094,187</u>	<u>\$551,900</u>	<u>(\$259,369)</u>	<u>\$9,386,718</u>
YEAR END						
Budgeted Net Revenue (Expenditures)	9/30/2018		<u>(\$452,234)</u>			<u>(\$149,119)</u>
YEAR END						
Current Estimated Operating Surplus (Deficit)	9/30/2017	\$872,622				
Accumulated Avail. Surplus (Deficit)						
	DATE					
from Prior Yrs.	9/30/2016	<u>\$3,715,411</u>				
	9/30/2017	<u>\$4,588,032</u>				
Projected Surplus at End of Budget Year (2017/2018)			<u>\$4,135,798</u>			<u>\$4,438,913</u>

Allocate Forest Funds - Moved by Anderson, seconded by Kline to allocate the Forest Funds as follows. Carried unanimously.

CR 358 Chip Seal	46,321.18
G-08 Chip seal	20,797.26
CR 553 Chip Seal	27,414.58
River Rd. over Shakey Creek	58,424.66
CR 358 @ Big Brook Box Culvert	34,793.30
Vega Road over Vega Creek	<u>5,879.37</u>
Total	\$193,630.35

Discuss Senate Bill 396 – Moilanen discussed the effects the bill would have on the county road system if it were to be passed and noted that several UP counties and county road commissions have adopted a resolution in opposition of the bill. The following resolution was read to the board and

adopted and a copy of the resolution will be sent to State Senator Tom Casperson and State Representative Beau LaFave. A copy of the resolution will also be sent to the Menominee County Board with a letter requesting their support in opposing the bill.

Commissioner **Anderson** moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Menominee County and the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) that was passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka “frost laws”) to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact in Menominee County and throughout the northern states, that roads become soft in the spring, and applying unrestricted 164,000-pound truck loading on soft roads, is fool hardiness that defies common sense and a law allowing such nonsense is poor public policy; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer costs to maintain the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Menominee County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Menominee County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Upper Peninsula work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the Upper Peninsula moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when the roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners hereby **STRONGLY** opposes SB 396; and

It was seconded by Commissioner **Kakuk** and carried by the following vote: Ayes: 3; Nays: 0.

Other Business – None.

Public Comments – Larry Barker stated that Menominee Township had received complaints regarding the need for brushing at the intersection of W. 18th Avenue and River Drive. Moilanen advised that this road was under the jurisdiction of the City of Menominee and that he should contact Valerie Mellon about this issue.

Joe Linder asked if Senate Bill 396 had come out of committee yet. Moilanen responded that it has in the Senate, but not yet in the House of Representatives. Mr. Linder also asked if the graders could cut down the edges on some of the gravel roads in Nadeau Township so that the water would run off better. Moilanen will have the Powers District foreman call Mr. Linder for a list of roads.

Larry Barker stated that the limestone that Menominee Township had put down on 6.25 Road was rippled and asked what could be done to smooth it out. Moilanen replied that the limestone had been hauled right off of the crusher belt, so it wasn't mixed well, and advised the township to put down some new limestone, regrade and compact.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.