

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, April 18, 2019.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following persons present or absent:

Present: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Moilanen, Lisa Savord and Darrell Cass. Also present were Lyle Gearhart, Joe Linder, Bonnie Nyquist, Jim Moraska, Steve Altobelli, Kevin Havelka and Ken Goffin.

Absent: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – None.

Public appearances – None.

Open bids for crushing 22A gravel – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Havelka Construction	Area 1	\$2.91/ton (\$52,380 total)
	Area 2	\$4.11/ton (\$73,980 total)
North Star Crushing	Area 1	\$3.34/ton (\$60,120 total)
	Area 2	\$4.59/ton (\$82,620 total)
Iron City Enterprises	Area 1	\$2.94/ton (\$52,920 total)
	Area 2	\$3.92/ton (\$70,560 total)

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to award the Area 1 bid to Havelka Construction and the Area 2 bid to Iron City Enterprises. Carried unanimously.

Award bid for 2019 culverts – Moilanen advised that UP Concrete Pipe Co. had not bid on the 60” round or the 71” x 47” arch culverts and bands, but that the road commission would likely not have a need for those sizes in the upcoming construction season. Moved by Bower, seconded by Kakuk to award the bid to the low bidder, UP Concrete Pipe Co., Escanaba for the 2019 Culvert needs. Carried unanimously.

Award bid for used road sweeper – Board members had the opportunity to inspect both of the used machines that had been bid. Moilanen stated that both used sweepers would need a battery disconnect switch installed. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to purchase the 2018 Broce RCT350 from Road Machinery & Supplies Company for \$48,400 due to it having lower hours and being in better condition than the other sweeper that was bid. Carried unanimously.

Any other business – Moilanen advised that the bid for the CR400 project had come in lower than the engineer’s estimate, which resulted with in approximately \$88,000 being available. These funds will be used for pavement markings.

Moilanen asked permission to pursue the possibility of swapping the approximate \$747,000 of 2020 Federal Aid funds. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to allow Moilanen to go ahead with the swap. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen advised the board that the water at Shakey Lakes Park was high and that one plank was removed from the dam to try to reduce the level of lake.

Savord asked for permission to request an increase in the credit limit on the administrative credit card from \$5,000 to \$10,000 as the card was being used more often to order parts online in an effort to save money. Darrell Cass would also be added to the account. Moved by Bower, seconded by Kline to authorize the increase. Carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Joe Linder stated that Nadeau Township had their own pile of crushed limestone and asked if the road commission would truck it at no charge to the township. Moilanen advised that if the limestone was used as part of the township’s 3-Way Road Funding project, that the township would be charged \$6.64/cyd for the trucking/laying of the limestone, which was consistent with what other townships had been charged. If the limestone was used outside of the 3-Way Program, then

there would be no charge for the trucking. Discussion ensued regarding the funding of the 3-Way Road Program. Moilanen advised that if the townships wanted to see any changes to the program that they should attend the committee meetings prior to the 2021 program and make their suggestions. If any changes were implemented to the program, the road commission could decide at that time if they still wanted to participate.

Jim Moraska stated that many of the street name signs in Spalding township were leaning and he would like them to be straightened. He also noted that the shoulders on the paved roads in the township need to be pulled in and that the shoulders on CR566 had about a 4" drop. He would also like to see crack filling done within the township. Moilanen stated that the road commission was behind in maintenance due to the larger construction jobs that had been done in the past few years.

Mr. Moraska asked where the remaining approximate \$84,000 from the general fund disbursement that had been received was going to be used. Moilanen stated that had not yet been determined. Mr. Moraska asked if the amount could be divided equally amongst all 14 townships. Moilanen responded that the money should be applied where the road commission determines the best use of the money will be.

Mr. Moraska asked if the crews would be working overtime on Friday over the summer. Moilanen replied that would only be done if it was needed to finish a project.

Mr. Moraska stated that a lot of the limestone on LaBelle Road was now in the ditch after the winter plowing. He also stated that he would not want to see the road commission eliminate the 3-Way Road Funding program.

Mr. Moraska asked if the township were to provide pitrun gravel, would the road commission haul it for free. Moilanen responded that it would depend on the size of the project. Mr. Moraska also asked what the price of road fabric was. Moilanen stated that it depended on the type of fabric and the width of the roll. A cost will be provided to Mr. Moraska.

Ken Goffin thanked the board for purchasing two brine storage tanks so that the township could have a choice of which dust control they would like to have applied. He also asked why the policy had changed in the past as to what the road commission expected the townships to pay. Moilanen explained it was due to, in the past, the townships wanting the funds spent on the local system, which would leave the federal aid roads in poor repair.

Joe Linder stated that he wants to see the district foremen have more input into what work gets done. Kakuk replied that he does talk to the foremen and that Moilanen sees them daily. Bower added that the CRA does not advise the commissioners to discuss policy with the foremen, that it should be done between the foremen and management. Moilanen stated that revenue dictates the amount of work that can be done. Ken Goffin added that the discussions should be more about policy and procedures than about funding.

Lyle Gearhart asked if G-18, west of P-1, was on the 5-year plan. Moilanen stated that it was not on the plan through 2023.

Joe Linder stated that 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Nadeau is in bad condition and is beyond patching and asked if it could be pulverized and limestone put down. Moilanen advised that he and Darrell Cass had looked at the road earlier in the week and that they would meet with Mr. Linder there once it dries up to mark where the township would like to have the work done.

Jim Moraska asked if he could have a copy of the minutes from the upcoming pre-construction meeting for the CR400 project. Moilanen will provide a copy once they are available from UP Engineers & Architects, Inc.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.