

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a reorganizational meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

Finance Director/Clerk Savord 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 Cass, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Larry Phelps.

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Election of Officers for 2020 – At Savord’s first call for Chair nominations, Kline nominated Kakuk for Chair, seconded by Bower. Savord again called for nominations for Chair. There were none. Savord again called for nominations for Chair. There being none, the nominations were closed. Savord called for a vote on the nomination of Kakuk being Chair for 2020. The motion carried by the following vote: Bower, Aye; Kakuk, Aye; Kline, Aye.

Savord called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Bower nominated Kline for Vice-Chair, seconded by Kakuk. Savord again called for nominations for Vice-Chair. There were none. Savord again called for nominations for Vice-Chair. There being none, the nominations were closed. Savord called for a vote on the motion of Kline being Vice-Chair for 2020. The motion carried by the following vote: Bower, Aye; Kakuk, Aye; Kline, Aye.

Savord turned the meeting over to Chair Kakuk at 9:02 a.m.

Public comments – Larry Phelps thanked Cass & Moilanen for their quick response to any complaints he forwards to them.

Public appearances – None.

Discuss/approve Hebert Construction’s final invoice for River Road over Shakey Creek project – Cass explained that the final invoice amount for Time & Materials had been agreed upon between the contractor and road commission personnel in the amount of \$80,761.41. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to approve payment of the final invoice. Carried unanimously.

Discuss abandonment petition received for a portion of Old CR346 and set abandonment hearing date – Cass explained that after review of the abandonment petition, it was found to not have enough valid signatures, therefore no further action is required.

Adopt resolution and sign Quit Claim deed to transfer the Bagley radio tower property to Menominee County –

The following Resolution was offered by Anthony Kakuk, and seconded by Kenneth Bower.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Road Commissioners of Menominee County has owned property located in Nadeau Township, County of Menominee, State of Michigan commonly referred to as the Bagley Radio Tower since 1962, when it purchased said property from Edward and Loretta Berger for the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration.

WHEREAS, the Road Commission used the Bagley Radio Tower Property for its radio communications until November 2019, when the Road Commission transitioned to a new radio communications system which no longer requires use of the Bagley Radio Tower.

WHEREAS, the Road Commission’s ownership of the Bagley Radio Tower is no longer required or useful to the Road Commission’s routine operations.

WHEREAS, Menominee County has long shared the costs and use of the Bagley Radio Tower with the Road Commission.

WHEREAS, Menominee County’s 911 Dispatch Center and Sheriff’s Department still require use of the Bagley Radio Tower for their radio communications.

WHEREAS, Menominee County is interested in purchasing the Bagley Radio Tower property for the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Board of County Road Commissioners of the County of Menominee hereby authorizes and directs the conveyance of the Bagley Radio Tower Property by Quitclaim Deed to the County of Menominee for the sum of One and 00/100 Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration.

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

“AYE”: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline

“NAY”: None

This Resolution has been adopted by majority vote of the Board of Road Commissioners of Menominee County.

Other Business – Cass noted that the bridge on G-08 over the Menominee River had been selected for deck replacement in 2021 under the Local Agency Bridge Bundling Program and that the project would be completed at no cost to the road commission. Moilanen added that MDOT would like to have a detour for the project.

Savord asked who would be attending the upcoming Great Lakes Council and UP Road Builders meetings. All commissioners will attend both.

Savord advised that Jim Moraska, Spalding Township Supervisor, had sent a request asking that the annual meeting between Spalding Township and the road commission be changed to take place at the Spalding Township Hall on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. CT. All board members agreed with the change and Savord will respond to Mr. Moraska.

Bower stated he had received a call from a Gourley Township resident stating that a request had been made to central dispatch to have the road commission plow to a residence to give emergency personnel access, but had been told by the 911 operator that the road commission would no longer do this. Moilanen responded that he and Cass had recently had a phone conference with the E 911 director regarding when the road commission would be called for assistance. Cass also clarified that the road commission would still plow for emergency services, but that it was up to central dispatch to determine if the situation was such that the road commission was needed.

Bower stated that the Normenco Sportsman Club trail groomer has been dragging snow onto the county roads while grooming the Soo Line grade trail and leaving berms of snow on the roadway where the trail crosses. Cass will follow up with the sportsmans club.

Public comments – None.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair