

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners continued their annual meetings with township officials in the Road Commission offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Chair Kakuk called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: Kenneth Bower, Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Cass and Lisa Savord. Also present was Tim Starzynski-MCRC Stephenson District Foreman, Mike Arnold-MCRC Powers District Foreman and Dana Dziedzic.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **NADEAU TOWNSHIP**

(8:55 a.m.) Present for Nadeau Township were Supervisor Joe Linder and Trustee Lyle Gearhart.

Cass welcomed the township officials and asked how winter maintenance was going in their township, which they advised had been good so far. Cass also asked that if they become aware of any spring break up road problems that they call and let him know.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal. Supervisor Linder suggested that the streets in Nadeau that were covered with limestone the previous year would be a good choice for a chip seal, but noted that there was an area where the grade and drainage would need to be addressed first.

Trustee Gearhart asked if the road commission had met with the Village of Carney yet. Cass responded that they are typically not a part of the annual meetings and but could be met with upon their request. Mr. Gearhart explained that the portion of Gustafson Road that was within the Village, from US 41 to approximately 100 yards east, needed work to fix where the ditching had filled in and the water could no longer reach the culverts. Cass stated that if the Village wanted to meet to discuss this that he would be happy to try to help them find a solution to the drainage problem.

Supervisor Linder asked how many miles the pile of gravel the township purchased would cover. Cass replied that it averaged 1,500 to 1,600 cyds per mile, depending upon road width and the thickness of the gravel layer put down. Mr. Linder, Cass and Starzynski will meet in the spring to identify which roads the gravel will be placed on.

The federal aid eligible project list was discussed and Cass noted that CR374, from the Village of Carney to H-3 Road, was already on the list of potential federal aid projects. Mr. Linder asked if 34 Road was federal aid eligible. Cass responded that the segment from Nadeau to N-1 Road was. Mr. Linder asked that this be added to the list as their top priority.

Supervisor Linder asked why the Forest Road Funds were still listed on the monthly financial report. Savord explained that those funds had been received, but not yet allocated to specific projects.

Nadeau Township Officials and Mike Arnold left the meeting at 9:16 a.m.

### **HOLMES TOWNSHIP**

(9:25 a.m.) Present for Holmes Township were Supervisor Ray Guard and Trustees Mike Zemba and Ray Furmanski.

Cass welcomed the township officials and asked how winter maintenance was going in their township, which they advised had been good so far.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal.

Cass asked the township to consider purchasing crushed gravel for the road commission to place on

Roads within Holmes Township. If they decide to do this, he asked them to let him know so he can plan for the necessary crushing contracts. He also asked that if they became aware of any roads that become impassable during spring break up that they let him know.

Supervisor Guard asked about the status of the federal aid project for Snow Road, from P-1 west for approximately .8 miles to CR577. Cass advised that it was currently on the schedule for 2023, but he may be able to move it to 2022 with approval from MDOT. Trustee Zemba stated that they had been told in the past that it was scheduled for 2021.

Trustee Zemba noted that the road name sign on US41 by Snow Road 29 currently incorrectly states the road name as Chalk Hills Road, and asked how it can be changed. Cass advised that MDOT would determine this and will provide an MDOT contact person for the township to discuss this with. Kakuk added that the Cheese Factory Road sign has been missing since hunting season. Supervisor Guard will check on this and order a replacement if needed.

Supervisor Guard advised that the chip seal on Holmesbrook Road had holes in it. Kakuk responded that the holes could be filled in with the injection patcher and that this road could possibly be considered for the upcoming chip seal project. Kakuk also noted that the large manure and paper mill sludge spreaders were possibly causing the damage.

Holmes Township officials left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

### **DAGGETT TOWNSHIP**

(10:03 a.m.) Present for Daggett Township were Supervisor Jim Revall, Clerk Edith Vincent, and Trustees Jim Kayser and Phillip Revall.

Cass welcomed the township officials and asked how winter maintenance was going in their township, which they advised had been good so far.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season, and discussed each item. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal.

Cass asked the township to consider purchasing crushed gravel for the road commission to place on Roads within Daggett Toanship. If they decide to do this, he asked them to let him know so he can plan for the necessary crushing contracts. He also asked that if they became aware of any roads that become impassable during spring break up that they let him know.

The federal aid eligible project list was discussed and Cass asked if the township had any federal aid roads they would like to add to the list for consideration for future funding. Supervisor Revall asked that CR360, CR358 to Tessmer Road, be added as their top priority.

Supervisor Revall asked about the 3-Way Road Program. Cass explained that the program no longer exists but that the road commission may consider a 2-Way Road Program or a Chip Seal Program in the future.

Clerk Vincent stated that a good job had been done correcting the approach to her son's driveway on CR358.

Supervisor Revall advised that he had received complaints regarding the manure spreader from Brock Farm dropping manure on CR358 west of CR354.

The resident with the huge pile of televisions and other electronics piled in the right of way on Badish Road was discussed. Cass advised that the township would need to add a penalty to their ordinance so that the Sheriff's Department could enforce it. If they did not pay the fine, it could possibly be assessed against their property taxes. The township and the road commission will continue to look for a solution to this problem.

Clerk Vincent advised that M-1 Road was in bad shape.

Daggett Township officials and Dana Dziedzic left the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

**STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP**

(10:33 a.m.) Present for Stephenson Township were Supervisor Mark Marklein and Trustee Bruce Fellion.

Cass welcomed the township officials and asked how winter maintenance was going in their township, which Supervisor Marklein advised had been going fairly well so far. Trustee Fellion did add that when Peterson Lane J-1 was being plowed, the driver was cutting the corners short and may actually be off of the road.

Cass presented a listing of the upcoming projects for the 2020 construction season which includes a box culvert over Big Brook on CR348 and reconstruction/paving on CR348, from Church Road to Orley Lane in Stephenson and Ingallston Townships. He noted that there would be approximately 10 miles of chip seals contracted out and that he was still working on which sections of road would be included in the project. He asked the township to advise if they had any areas in mind that would be eligible for chip seal. Shouldering all federal aid routes was discussed. Supervisor Marklein noted that many of the local roads need to be shouldered as well.

Cass asked the township to consider purchasing crushed gravel for the road commission to place on Roads within Stephenson Township. If they decide to do this, he asked them to let him know so he can plan for the necessary crushing contracts. He also asked that if they became aware of any roads that become impassable during spring break up that they let him know.

Supervisor Marklein stated that a lot of work had been completed under the 3-Way Road Program and that he would like to see the program run again. Cass explained that the program no longer exists but that the road commission may consider a 2-Way Road Program or a Chip Seal Program in the future.

Cass advised that the bridge on 22.5 Road over the Little Cedar River had been selected for replacement in 2021. Local match for the project will be 5%, with the township and road commission each contributing half (2.5%).

The federal aid eligible project list was discussed and Cass asked if the township had any federal aid roads they would like to add to the list for consideration for future funding. Supervisor Marklein suggested CR348. Cass advised that it was already on the list. Mr. Marklein also asked if 19 Road (Wangerin Road) could also be added. Cass stated that it is not federal aid eligible.

Kakuk stated that Meintz Road, from Cheese Factory/G-12 approximately ¾ mile to the hill, could use limestone and possibly a chip seal in the future.

Supervisor Marklein stated that District Foreman Tim Starzynski does an excellent job and is always responsive to his requests.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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Finance Director/Clerk

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