

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a special meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, February 18, 2020.

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

Present: Anthony Kakuk, Kenneth Kline, Darrell Cass, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present was Larry Phelps, Jerry Piche, Jordan Barley, Mike Foley, Scott Lippens, Gil Grinsteiner, Jeremy Havelka and Tommy Olsen.

Absent: Kenneth Bower - excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comments – County Board Vice-Chair Larry Phelps and County Board Chair Jerry Piche presented Darrell Moilanen with a resolution from the county board honoring him for his years of service to the road commission and wishing him well on his upcoming retirement.

Tommy Olsen and Scott Lippens both stated they would like the opportunity to comment when agenda item 6 is discussed. Chair Kakuk agreed to allow their comments at that time.

Public appearances – None.

Open bids for CR348 Roadway Project – Bids were opened and read aloud as follows:

Barley Trucking & Excavating, Inc., Menominee, MI	\$1,460,810.83
Bacco Construction Co., Iron Mountain, MI	\$976,201.80
Hebert Construction Co., Iron River, MI	\$1,248,389.97

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to have the bids tabulated and to award at a future meeting. Carried unanimously.

Award bid for Articulated Frame All Wheel Drive Motor Graders – Bids had been opened at the February 11 regular meeting and tabulated. Cass recommended purchasing three Caterpillar 140-15 graders with wings at \$349,777 each (total for three \$1,049,331) and entering into a 5-year lease for three John Deere 772GP graders without wings at a lease payment of \$47,375.14 up front per year with a guaranteed buy back of \$140,000. It was also noted that two of the new John Deere graders and one of the new CAT graders would be needed by April 1, 2020 or if unavailable a loaner would be provided, with the remaining three graders being delivered per the bid document. Kline stated that the operators he had talked to seemed to prefer the John Deere graders. Cass advised that he had talked to all six operators and they all preferred to keep the same brand grader or were open to either that they were currently operating if possible, which is 3 CAT graders and 3 John Deere graders. Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to purchase three Caterpillar 140-15 graders with wings and lease three John Deere 772GP graders without wings as recommended above. Carried unanimously. Tom Olson stated that the three CAT graders would come with a 7-year warranty.

Award bid for Stainless Steel V-Box Spreader – Bids had been opened at the February 11 regular meeting and tabulated. Cass advised that two of the bids had met all the specifications – Monroe Truck Equipment for a Monroe MCV-168-84-56-304SS at a cost of \$24,014 and Truck Equipment Inc., for a Bonnell Industries BV-1456-S3 at a cost of \$27,579. Cass recommended accepting the lower bid from Monroe and also reminded the board that the road commission had received a Hannahville 2% Grant in the amount of \$19,904 to be applied to the purchase price of the new spreader. Moved by Kline, seconded by Kakuk to purchase the Monroe MCV-168-84-56-304SS spreader from Monroe Truck Equipment. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid dust control brine for 2020 – Cass explained that last year’s bid had an option to extend the bid for 2020 at the same price, but since the vendor felt they would be unable to do so, this item would have to be rebid. Moved by Kline, seconded by Kakuk to go out for bids for dust control brine for 2020. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Assistant Engineer-Manager’s new contract – Cass requested to have his review done in closed session. Kakuk then moved this item to the end of the agenda.

Any other business – Cass congratulated Moilanen on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for all of the training he had provided over the past year.

Kline and Kakuk also congratulated Moilanen on his retirement and thanked him for his service to the road commission.

Savord, Tom Olsen and Scott Lippens also congratulated Moilanen on his retirement

Kakuk stated that he had received calls regarding loggers putting their landings in the right of way on some of the county roads and that they were then operating their skidders on the roads causing damage. Cass stated that he could have the weighmaster enforce this type of operation and/or tell them they had to remove their operations from the right of way. He also could possibly put weight restrictions on earlier. Moilanen advised that the road commission had always encouraged loggers to stage their landings outside of the right of way. Jeremy Havelka commented that Wisconsin asks for a bond. Cass advised that the road commission typically requests a bond during weight restrictions if needed. Larry Phelps asked if this could cause drainage problems. Cass replied that it was possible if they were in the ditch.

Public Comments – Gerald Piche commented on how Moilanen had always kept in control and calm during stressful situations.

Closed session to discuss Assistant Engineer-Manager’s new contract – Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to move to closed session at 9:28 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to return to open session at 9:45 a.m. Carried unanimously.

Moved by Kakuk, seconded by Kline to enter into a contract with Darrell Cass as the new Engineer-Manager effective February 29, 2020 through May 31, 2022 at the same salary as outgoing Engineer-Manager with an additional 3.25% increase beginning March 1, 2020 and a 3.25% increase on April 1, 2021. Carried unanimously.

There being no further business, Kakuk declared the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

Chair