

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, December 16, 2008.

Chair Betzinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Judy Nerat, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Floyd Berger, Marylee DeGrave, Thomas Kmiecek, Don Beaudou, Sam Komp, John Komp, Gary Dill, Mike Zemba and Tom Kollross.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments - None

Public appearances - None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 11/11/08 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 12/04/08 – There being no additions or corrections, Betzinger declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, November 10, 2008				\$1,484,256.10
Receipts thru 11/30/08	53,635.84			
Expenditures thru 11/30/08		308,079.77		
Balance, November 30, 2008				\$1,229,812.17
Michigan Transportation Funds	219,760.78			
Receipts thru 12/15/08	252,059.06			
Expenditures thru 12/15/08		249,658.68		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			105,811.00	
Balance, December 15, 2008	525,455.68	557,738.45	105,811.00	\$1,346,162.33

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 12/24 (Est.)			85,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 12/24 (Est.)			6,502.50	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			19,621.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			111,680.00	
Reserve for new rental grader lease			114,880.00	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005)			35,391.55	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)			79,226.80	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)			122,652.06	
Reserve - CR 551 paving (South of CR 374)			2,465.70	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds - Wilson Creek Bridge			50,000.00	
Reserve Federal Aid Buy-Out [CR 338 Project]			292,870.08	
Reserve for driveway deposits			1,707.30	
Reserve for Design Engineering for Local Bridges			68,603.00	
Reserve for Forest Funds			161,015.98	
Reserve for equipment			19,814.00	(1,171,429.97)
				174,732.36

There being no questions or comments, Betzinger declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 08-1130, 09-0007, 09-0008, 09-0010, 09-0012 and 09-0014

Moved by Anderson, seconded by Nerat, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Sign Traffic Control Order for b-1 (Hannahville) Road – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Nerat to sign the order. Carried unanimously.

Sign Resolution and Cost Agreement for the Traffic Signal Modernization for the Flasher Signal at US 41 and Co Rd 342 -

Commissioner Anderson offered the following resolution and moved for its adoption.

WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Transportation has contracted with Wisconsin Public Service for the modernization of an overhead flashing signal on US-41 at County Road 342, Mellen Township, Menominee County,

AND WHEREAS the Department of Transportation has asked the Menominee County Road Commission to handle the energy billings;

AND WHEREAS the Department of Transportation will reimburse the Road Commission for those billings plus handling charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission cooperate with the Department of Transportation in the payment of energy bills for the flasher referenced in MDOT Plan No. 55011-02-004, Work Auth No. 15953 at no cost to the Road Commission;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Engineer-Manager be authorized to sign the “Cost Agreement for Traffic Signal Control” documents.

Supported by Commissioner Nerat and carried by the following vote: Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

ATTEST: I hereby attest that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly offered and adopted at a regular meeting by the Board of Menominee County Road commissioners held December 16, 2008.

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Lisa K. Savord, Clerk-Office Mgr.

Vote on CRAM Amendment to Constitution and Bylaws - Moved by Nerat, seconded by Anderson, to vote Yes for the amendment. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Letter from MDOT regarding selection of the F-4 Bridge over the Big Cedar River for replacement under the Local Bridge Program – Moilanen asked permission to obtain proposals from consulting firms for the design of the bridge with an anticipated construction date in 2011. Moved by Anderson, seconded by Nerat to have Moilanen obtain the proposals. Carried unanimously.

Discuss UP County Road Commission survey and contract with Michael R. Kluck and Assoc. - After review of a survey on whether other road commissions have a legal counsel on retainer, it was moved by Anderson, seconded by Nerat to discontinue paying a monthly retainer to Michael Kluck & Associates. Carried unanimously.

Permission to bid Evergreen Road paving – Moved by Anderson, seconded by Nerat to give Moilanen permission to bid the project. Carried unanimously.

Discuss Abandonment of No 15 Road between M35 and Jimtown Road – A public hearing on the abandonment had been held on November 13, 2006. Since that time the Komp’s had hired a surveyor and also had an attorney prepare the easement. Mr. Kolross was concerned about having

utilities run from Jimtown Road to his property. Mr. Kollross asked for additional time to review all the documents. Moilanen stated that the board would need to pass a resolution for the abandonment and publish it three times before the road could be abandoned. This item was tabled until the January, 2009 meeting to allow time to prepare the resolution.

Other Business– With this being Nerat’s last meeting as a road commissioner, Anderson congratulated her on her years of service and dedication to the Menominee County Road Commission. Moilanen agreed. Nerat stated that it had been a pleasure to serve the road commission.

Public Comment – None.

There being no further business, Betzinger declared the meeting adjourned. 6:30 p.m.

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Road Commission Clerk

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Chair