

May 12, 2009

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following persons present or absent:

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Mary Maas, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Darlene Nerat, John Nerat, Dale Axtell, Don Beaudou, Chuck Behrend, Jerry Newlin, Gary Dantinne, Mike Gustafson, Gene Miller, John Davis, Gary Dill and Joe Skrobiak.

ABSENT: None

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments – Dale Axtell stated that he had received 8 calls over the winter with complaints about the plowing. The corner of 18<sup>th</sup> & CR577 is not getting plowed until nearly 9 a.m. Mr. Axtell stated it is his opinion that the Menominee shop should stay open.

Gene Miller asked if signage would help to slow traffic down on CR338. Moilanen replied that usually it is drivers that are familiar with an area that are most likely to speed, and they often do so no matter what signs are installed. Moilanen will look at the area to see if anything can be done.

Gary Dill stated that the sign is not up on #9 road yet and it still needs gravel and a culvert. He feels the grader operator in the area is doing an excellent job, but that he doesn't have enough gravel there to work with. Moilanen stated that Bacco would be here in a few weeks to look at the area along with MDOT.

Public appearances - None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 04/14/09 and 04/28/09- There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

Financial Report –

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, April 13, 2009				\$1,452,116.67
Receipts thru 04/30/09	152,084.55			
Expenditures thru 04/30/09		281,196.24		
Balance, April 30, 2009				\$1,323,004.98
Michigan Transportation Funds	261,580.39			
Receipts thru 05/11/09	16,479.69			
Expenditures thru 05/11/09				
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			105,811.00	
Balance, May 11, 2009	430,144.63	281,196.24	105,811.00	\$1,495,254.06

Payables & Reserves

Payroll 05/14, 05/28 (Est.)	120,000.00
Soc. Sec. 05/14, 05/28 (Est.)	9,180.00

Reserve for workers compensation insurance	13,400.00	
Reserve for liability insurance	27,000.00	
Reserve for rental grader lease	77,584.09	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2004/2005)	23,139.08	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2005/2006)	61,534.71	
Reserve 4% set-aside for township allocations (2006/2007)	99,685.06	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds - Wilson Creek Bridge	46,386.50	
Reserve Hannahville 2% Funds - Town Line Rd to Vincent Ln	25,485.98	
Reserve Federal Aid Buy-Out [CR 338 Project]	292,870.08	
Reserve for driveway deposits	1,186.09	
Reserve for Design Engineering for Local Bridges	39,666.62	
Reserve for CR 557 Bridge over Big Cedar River	134,600.00	
Reserve for Pavement Markings	51,000.00	
Reserve for Bridge Inspections, Scour & Plans of Action	148,220.00	
Reserve for Design of F-4 Bridge over Big Cedar River	32,269.00	
Reserve for Evergreen Road (Twp. Advance Payment)	135,633.74	
Reserve for Forest Funds	161,015.98	
Reserve for equipment	4,317.52	(\$1,504,174.45)
		\$ (8,920.39)

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

Vouchers # 09-0430, 09-0040, and 09-0043 – Maas asked for clarification of two items, which was provided. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Discuss pricing method for gravel – Per pit price vs. unit price – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to use Per Pit pricing, with the road commission having the discretion of which pit to use. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for Mineral Well Brine for dust control – Bids were opened and read as follows:

Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales, Inc. – Kawkawlin, MI

Mineral Well Brine	
Material applied by supplier	\$.454/gallon
Material applied by Road Commission	\$.424/gallon
Optional Bids: Calcium Chloride	
30% with material applied by supplier	\$.659/gallon
30% with material applied by Road Commission	\$.629/gallon
38% with material applied by supplier	\$.769/gallon
38% with material applied by Road Commission	\$.739/gallon

Note: Demurrage rate of \$50/hour after 3 hours. Price firm until 10/31/09 and based on 6,000 to 9,000 gallon loads.

Michigan Chloride Sales - St. Louis, MI

Mineral Well Brine  
Material applied by supplier \$ .380/gallon  
Material applied by Road Commission \$ .370/gallon

Discounted rate July 6 – 31 and Sept 7 – Oct 23:  
Material applied by supplier \$ .370/gallon  
Material applied by Road Commission \$ .360/gallon

Note: Demurrage rate of \$75/hour after 3 hours. Terms of 1%/10, Net 30.

Great Lakes Chloride – Free Soil, MI No bid submitted, but asked to be kept on bid list for next year.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to accept the low bid from Michigan Chloride Sales, St. Louis, MI. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for Scrap Iron pickup and disposal – Bids were received as follows:

Reliable Recycling:

Bidders Percentage of Compensation to Road Commission based on Market Value of Scrap Iron – 75%  
Bidders Percentage of Compensation to Road Commission based on Market Value of Scrap Culverts – 75%

Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger, to accept the bid from Reliable Recycling. Carried unanimously.

Open bids for dead deer pickup on State Highways – Bids were received as follows:

M&M Trucking - \$41.25 per deer.

Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to forward the bid to MDOT for their review/approval. Carried unanimously.

Award and sign Evergreen Road Paving Contract with Bacco Construction Co. – A check for advance payment for the paving of Evergreen Road was received from Menominee Township. The project was awarded to Bacco Construction and contracts signed. Expected completion date of the project is July 2, 2009.

Resolutions supporting Critical Bridge replacements –

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

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on F-1 Road over Ten Mile Creek which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote:

Ayes 3 ; Nays 0

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

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 10 Road over the Little River which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Maas and carried by the following vote:

Ayes 3; Nays 0

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

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 29 Road over Devils Creek which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote:

Ayes 3; Nays 0

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

IN AS MUCH AS, funds are available for the replacement or rehabilitation of bridges through the Local Bridge Program;

AND IN AS MUCH AS, the Menominee County Road Commission has a bridge on No. 5 Road over the Little River which is need of replacement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Menominee County Road Commission is actively seeking participation for the replacement of the bridge and an application be prepared for that purpose.

Seconded by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote:

Ayes 3; Nays 0

Discuss future of Menominee Shop – Moilanen gave a presentation detailing the advantages/disadvantages of 3 options for operations of the road commission – 1. Keeping as is with 2 districts (Powers and Stephenson/Menominee); 2. Going back to the 3 district setup (Menominee, Stephenson, and Powers); 3. Splitting the county into 2 two balanced districts (Northern District housed in Powers and Southern District housed in Stephenson). Following a lengthy discussion it was decided that the matter be tabled to allow the commissioners time to visit all 3 shops before making a final decision.

Other Business – Moilanen presented a Grant Agreement from the Hannahville Indian Community for

signature. The grant provides \$26,092.51 for the Old US2/41 Town Line-Vincent paving.

Moilanen requested permission to bid the Chip Sealing in Menominee Township. Moved by Maas, seconded by Betzinger to allow Moilanen to advertise for the bids. Carried unanimously.

Moilanen requested permission to bid out the 17.75 road project. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Maas to allow Moilanen to advertise for bids. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment – Joe Skrobiak asked if “No Littering” signs could be installed on county roads. John Nerat asked how gravel was priced last year. Moilanen stated it was \$5.35/cubic yard in Menominee Township, no matter which pit it came from.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Road Commission Finance Director/Clerk

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