

The Menominee County Board of Road Commissioners held a regular meeting in their offices north of Stephenson on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

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

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Joe Skrobiak, Sandy Davis, John Davis, and Garry Anderson.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Anderson offered a welcome to County Board member Garry Anderson and congratulated Garry Anderson and Joe Skrobiak on being elected to their new positions.

Additions to agenda - None.

Public comments – Joe Skrobiak stated that Holmes township has 2 new “Welcome To Holmes Township” signs to be installed to replace those that are missing and asked if the road commission could use additional bolts when installing them to hopefully deter theft of the signs in the future.

Public appearances - None.

Additions/corrections to minutes for 12/16/08, 12/17/08 and 01/05/09 – There being no additions or corrections, Anderson declared that the minutes will stand as recorded.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

January 13, 2009

	Receipts	Expenditures	Payables/ Reserves	Balances
Balance, December 15, 2008				\$1,451,973.33
Receipts thru 12/31/08	49,603.82			
Expenditures thru 12/31/08		195,613.48		
Balance, December 31, 2008				\$1,305,963.67
Michigan Transportation Funds	244,614.31			
Receipts thru 01/10/09				
Expenditures thru 01/10/09		76,028.51		
State Maint. & Equip. Advances			105,811.00	
Balance, January 10, 2009	294,218.13	271,641.99	105,811.00	\$1,368,738.47
<b>Payables &amp; Reserves</b>				
Payroll 01/22, 02/05 (Est.)			170,000.00	
Soc. Sec. 01/22, 02/05 (Est.)			26,010.00	
Reserve for workers compensation insurance			26,821.00	
Reserve for liability insurance			125,640.00	
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 Hannahville 2% Funds - Wilson Creek Bridge	50,000.00	
Reserve Federal Aid Buy-Out [CR 338 Project]	292,870.08	
Reserve for driveway deposits	3,068.03	
Reserve for Design Engineering for Local Bridges	55,112.12	
Reserve for Forest Funds	161,015.98	
Reserve for equipment	19,814.00	(\$1,282,501.62)
		86,236.85

Anderson asked about the Reserve for driveway deposits and when the contracts would end. Moilanen stated that no new contracts were being issued and that the current contracts were being closed out through attrition as the properties changed ownership. There being no further questions or comments, Anderson declared the financial report accepted as read.

Vouchers # 08-1231, 09-0016, and 09-0019 - Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson, that the vouchers be approved and ordered paid. Carried unanimously.

Approve the 2009 mileage reimbursement rate – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to use the 2009 IRS mileage rate of .55/mile to reimburse road commission employees when they must use their personal vehicle for road commission business. Carried unanimously.

Permission to request bids for Maintenance Culverts – Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to allow Moilanen to pursue bids for maintenance culverts as needed. Carried unanimously.

Approve schedule for the Annual Township meetings - Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson, to approve the schedule as prepared. Carried unanimously.

Resolution for Abandonment of No. 15 Road between M35 and Jimtown Road –

#### RESOLUTION

It was moved by Commissioner Anderson that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, a petition has been received requesting the absolute abandonment and discontinuance of a certain road in Ingallston Township described as follows: That part of No. 15 Road which lies from the centerline of Jimtown Road, thence 0.4 miles east between Section 17 and Section 20 in T.34N.,R.25W. in Ingallston Township, Menominee County, Michigan.

Said petition having been signed by 7 or more freeholders in the Township of Ingallston.

AND WHEREAS a Public Hearing was held at 5:45 p.m., November 13, 2006 and it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the public that said road shall be absolutely abandoned and discontinued.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to MCLA 224.18, MSA 9.118, the Board of Menominee County Road Commissioners does absolutely abandon and discontinue forever said road, reserving, however, a ten (10) foot easement on either side of all existing public utilities forever.

This resolution was supported by Commissioner Betzinger and carried by the following vote: Ayes 2; Nays 0.

Discuss MDOT proposal for Powers Salt Shed – Due to the current economic situation and the uncertainty with the MDOT maintenance contract, Moilanen suggested that the agreement not be signed at this time, and that a request be made to remain on the list for future consideration. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to not have a new salt shed built in Powers at this time. Carried unanimously.

Discuss upcoming Union Contract negotiations – Moilanen will contact the labor attorney and schedule a meeting in February to begin the negotiation process.

Discuss policy on returning to work from Worker's Compensation – The motion that was passed at the August 9, 2004 meeting was reviewed. This motion allowed employees to return to work with limited duty restrictions. Discussion ensued on the pros and cons of allowing employees to return to work with limited duty restrictions as opposed to requiring that the employee be released back to full duty by their physician before being allowed to report to work following a worker's compensation injury. Moved by Betzinger, seconded by Anderson to rescind the August 9, 2004 action effective February 1, 2009. Carried unanimously.

Other Business – Betzinger asked that a special meeting be scheduled to prepare for the Annual Township meetings. January 19, 2009 at 9 a.m. was chosen as the time for this meeting. Betzinger also asked if Moilanen had any further information regarding offering retirement incentives to certain groups of employees. Moilanen will have a draft retirement incentive proposal drawn up by legal counsel in time for the January 19 meeting.

Public Comment – John Davis asked for clarification on the ORV policy adopted by the Menominee County Board in regards to how Rangeline Road / 577 would be classified. Moilanen stated that the new policy applied to all county owned roads, and that township officials would have the right to close roads in their townships to ORV traffic. The road commission would be responsible for posting signs.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned. 9:54 a.m.

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Road Commission Clerk

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