

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 27, 2009.

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following persons present or absent.

PRESENT: William Anderson, Roger Betzinger, Darrell Moilanen and Lisa Savord. Also present were Mark Marklein-Stephenson Township Supervisor, Verne Menke-Stephenson Township Trustee and District Foreman Robert Hanson.

ABSENT: None.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### STEPHENSON TOWNSHIP

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Stephenson Township projects were discussed as follows:

- Old CR 352 – top priority – Township will advise if they want paved. The culverts are done. Some ditching is needed.
- Second priority is Wangerin (No 19 Road) shared with Mellen Township.

Discussion was held on the accident that occurred on Walnut Road and whether anything further can be done to improve safety in this area.

Stephenson Township officials left the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

LAKE TOWNSHIP (9:05 a.m.) Present for Lake Township were Bob Desjarlais-Lake Township

Supervisor, and Alan Majkrzak, Lake Township Trustee.

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Lake Township priority projects were discussed as follows:

- No. 19 Road – paving. Discussion was held on whether 2" of pavement could be used instead of 3" as a cost saving measure.

Lake Township officials left the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

**DAGGETT TOWNSHIP** (10:00 a.m.) - Present for Daggett Township were Supervisor Jim Revall, and Treasurer Tom Kuntze.

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Daggett Township priority projects were discussed as follows:

- Top Priority: CR 358
- Second Priority: CR 360

The cost of paving, shaping and pulverizing was discussed.

Revall stated that No. 25 Road, east of Hayes Creek was in bad shape. The road will be looked at in the spring for options.

Daggett Township officials and District Foreman Robert Hanson left the meeting at 10:28 p.m.

**NADEAU TOWNSHIP** (10:34 a.m.) Supervisor Joe Linder and Trustee Jerald Poupore were present for Nadeau Township. District Foreman Ray Betters also joined the meeting.

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Hoffman Lane was discussed. Moilanen stated approval was still needed from the DEQ for the culvert placement.

Linder noted that many of the alleys in Nadeau were being sanded and felt this was not necessary due to the minimal use the alleys get. Betters will have his crew discontinue sanding the alleys.

Nadeau Township officials and District Foreman Betters left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

There being no further business, Anderson declared the meeting adjourned. 11:05 a.m.

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Road Commission Clerk

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