



# Menominee County Highway Department

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## Menominee County Highway Committee Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 8, 2021

**1. Call to Order.** 9:02 a.m.

- 2. Roll Call.** Committee members present: Elizabeth Moses, Chairperson; James Lowey, Member. Elizabeth Fernandez was absent (excused). A quorum was present. Also present: Jeremy C. Weso, Highway Commissioner; Steve Wilke, Patrol Superintendent; and Margaret Tomow Administrative Assisant.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2021 and special meeting minutes of June 8, 2021. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

**4. Commissioner's Report**

The Commissioner's written report was included in the meeting packet. Notable topics discussed included the following:

- The contract for the Scattered Sites Repaving Project was issued and is awaiting signatures. Once the contract is signed, Northeast Asphalt will start erecting signs and pulverizing roads. Work should commence this week.
- Ayres Associates surveyors will be on-site on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, to begin survey work related to the design of the bridge deck replacements on West Branch and Bear Trap roads.
- The Commissioner is working with Corporation Counsel on more affordable alternatives to developing road redesign plans (projected to cost \$21,000). One such alternative includes buying a portion of, or a permanent easement on, the properties presently encroached upon. Since this project was pushed back to 2022, there is time to develop these alternatives.
- The department held "Safety Days" training at the shop on Thursday, June 3, 2021.
- J. Lowey asked if it was necessary to pulverize all roads in the future or if there are affordable alternatives to that work, such as wedge patching that was performed on STH 47/55. This might allow us to improve more roads in the future. The Commissioner and Patrol Superintendent stated that given the low PASER ratings of the roads included in the current Scattered Sites Repaving Project, the roads had to be reconstructed in the manner that they were. As for exploring lower cost alternative, such as wedge

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patching or a mill-and-overlay, the Commissioner stated that that could be looked into for future projects.

- J. Lowey asked how the search for a new grader was going. The Commissioner stated that the mechanic was being sent out to Colorado to inspect one that was available, and that he might also stop make a stop in Missouri on his return trip from Colorado to inspect a second grader. J. Lowey reminded everyone that acquiring a replacement grader was a high priority.

### **5. Monthly Expenditures**

Motion by J. Lowey to approve the monthly expenditures in the amount of \$79,688.62. Second by E. Moses. Motion carried.

The Commissioner noted that there was a change to the monthly expenditure report.

### **6. Financial Report**

The Commissioner discussed the May 2021 financial statement with the Committee. That report was included in the meeting packet. The report revealed that year-to-date revenues were \$649,033.53 and year-to-date expenditures were \$699,458.88, leaving a deficit of \$50,425.35.

### **7. Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

The Committee asked the Commissioner to include an update on the search for a replacement grader.

### **8. Adjournment:** 9:17 a.m.

Minutes recorded and prepared by M. Tomow.