

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on August 28, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer and LaJoie, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Manager Deatrck, Engineer Askwith, Foreman Pesola, Chief Mechanic Avery and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson and McConkey.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$116,241.14 and Vouchers in the amount of \$347,880.98 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2014 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- AMZ Work
- General Road Maintenance
- Working on Forrest Road project
- Brush hogging

Manager Laitinen reported for Foreman Erickson and Foreman McConkey.

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- Completed the Whitehead Road project.
- Began clearing on the 3 Mile Road project.
- Working on state shoulders.

Pickford

- Working on state shoulder.
- Completed the Hanna Road project.
- Beginning work on Neebish and Drummond Island projects.

Office Manager Decker

- Presented July financials
- Indicated a good portion of today's bills are for salt shed construction and state grass mowing which are reimbursable through MDOT.

Project Engineer Deatrick

- Sugar Island Federal Aid project has been completed.
- Pre-construction meeting held last Tuesday for bridge resurfacing and guardrail upgrades. Reith Riley will begin this project on September 11th.
- Working on final quantities for 3 Mile Road.

Engineer Askwith

- Final concrete pour is scheduled for tomorrow for salt barn. Contractor is on schedule for a December 1st completion date.
- Hoping to get the final RFP's out to the contractors for the Little Rapids project by tomorrow.

Chief Mechanic Avery

- Busy with general equipment maintenance.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- DEQ settlement draft has been finalized and should be sent out by the end of the day.
- We have agreed to use Arbitrator North for the next union grievance discussions. This grievance deals with the illustrative rates for healthcare. Because this grievance is dealing with changes to two different laws, PA152 and PERA we have invited Ms. Wendy Hardt to represent us. Will hold a pre-hearing conference call next week with Ms. Hardt and an arbitration date will be scheduled after that.
- Discussions held with Brian Hewitt, BIA regarding storm damage reimbursements. A draft agreement between the Road Commission and Sault Tribe has been sent over.
- Legislature is taking a lot of heat in their lack of action in getting a road funding package. Probably will not be anything now until late November.
- New Managers vehicle has been delivered to the dealer downstate and should take delivery of it sometime next week.

- Clean up on the emulsion tank spill is going well with the emulsion company and trucking company paying us time and materials for all cleanup work.

Manager Laitinen reviewed bid tabulation for drag blades and plow shears received on August 27, 2014. There were three bidders Truck & Trailer, St. Regis Culvert and D.A. MacPherson. St. Regis Culvert didn't meet bid specifications.

Truck and Trailer Specialties were low bidder on the drag and scarifier blades and D.A. MacPherson was low bidder on plow shears.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to award Truck and Trailer the bid for drag and scarifier blades and D.A. MacPherson the bid for plow shears.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented Township Road Agreement with Sugar Island Township for improvements to 1 ½ Mile Road for a distance of approximately 6.79 miles. Said improvements to consist of HMA crushing and shaping, HMA 13A paving, culvert replacements, aggregate shoulders and pavement markings. Total township share of the federal aid match will be \$18,900.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Township Road Agreement with Sugar Island Township for improvements to 1 ½ Mile Road as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented Township Road Agreement with Rudyard Township for improvements to Ploegstra Road. Improvements to consist of hot mix asphalt resurfacing, drainage improvements, pavement markings and gravel shoulders. The total project cost is estimated to be \$456,700 and the federal aid contribution will be in the amount of \$365,400. Required local match is \$91,300 and will be shared between Rudyard Twp, Kinross Twp and the Road Commission. Total Rudyard Township share will be \$12,680.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Township Road Agreement with Rudyard Township for improvements to Ploegstra Road.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented the following two Township Road Agreements with Kinross Township.

1. Improvements to Tamara Lynn Circle, Christopher Drive and Kristen Circle for a distance of approximately 2692 feet. Improvements to consist of asphalt cold milling to 1.5" depth and

1.5" asphalt resurfacing. The Tribe has agreed to contribute \$30,000.00 toward this project. Total township cost will be \$11,240.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Township Road Agreement with Kinross Township for improvements to Tamara Lynn Circle, Christopher Drive and Kristen Circle.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Improvements to Kincheloe Drive from Cedar Grove easterly to Blueberry and then to Country Club Drive for a distance of approximately 2083 feet. Said improvements to consist of asphalt cold milling to a 1.5" depth and 1.5" asphalt resurfacing. Total township cost will be \$39,277.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Township Road Agreements with Kinross Township for improvements to Kincheloe Drive as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen asked for authorization for staff to attend the MERS Annual Conference in Detroit on September 24-26, 2014. To elect Office Manager Decker to represent the CCRC as Officer Delegate and Manager Laitinen as Officer Alternate, Kenneth Fegan as Employee Delegate and William Hopper as Employee Alternate.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to authorize attendance at MERS Annual Meeting and to elect said named individuals to represent the CCRC.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen requested authorization to take bids for local paving. He stated total tonnage should be approximately 16,900 tons. He indicated we still have a few outstanding township road agreements out.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to authorize Manager Laitinen to take bids for local paving.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union President Hopper inquired to what was taking place on Lakeshore Drive on the reservation.

Project Manager Deatrck indicated work on sanitary sewer system.

Office Mgr. Decker indicated we did receive the 2012 State Audit results and held a phone exit conference with them yesterday. Due to rates for equipment rentals being a little high we were left owing around 38,0000.00.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner LaJoie thanked all crews for their hard work.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell

Richard B. Timmer