

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on June 30, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ormsbee, Surveyor Wiggins, Project Manager Deatruck, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Pesola, Chief Mechanic Avery

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$116,675.24 and Vouchers in the amount of \$843,352.29 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 18, 2015 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Twp Supervisor Jim Moore mentioned that he has received a complaint from a resident on Strawberry Lane regarding passing on the Tilson Road hill. He asked if some striping could be done to show it as a no passing zone. Manager Laitinen said he would look into it. Supervisor Moore also mentioned a complaint he received regarding County trucks speeding on Kinross Road.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Engineer Krouth

- Bridge repairs are underway in Rudyard. Additional damage was identified at the other end of the bridge and are being addressed. Weight limit signs are still in place and will be removed when both the piers are repaired. Could be as early as next week. Discussion ensued
- Little Rapids project had three bidders. Discussion ensued on how they were ranked and how the recommendation was determined. A press release has been prepared and will be distributed after the meeting.

## **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Have been working on the H-40 bridge and the Sugar Island Causeway project.
- Investigating additional signage on Mackinac Trail regarding trucks using it rather the designated detour route. MDOT has asked us to fund it. Discussion followed
- Pete Paramski has been relieved and Dawn Gustafson is now the head of Newberry TSC.
- Let subcontract to replace culvert pipes on State roads thru our State Maintenance Contract. Repairs at Orr's Creek on M-221 were discussed with MDOT Reps.
- Revoked permit to Maverick Construction due to lack of traffic control on the Shunk Road sewer project.
- Spoke to Commissioner Ormsbee, he is recovering and should be back with us as scheduled.

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None**

Manager Laitinen began discussion regarding Contractor selection for the Little Rapids Project. He reviewed the scorecards for each bidder and what criteria were specifically looked at. Based on the scores he recommended Payne & Dolan be awarded the contract for \$7,459,095.75 to provide a clear waterway opening of 609 feet.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the Little Rapids Restoration Project for the amount of \$7,459,095.75 to Payne and Dolan.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

Manager Laitinen introduced Bud Willis; he is the President of the Soo Area Sportsman Club. It was their organization that initiated the Little Rapids Project over twenty years ago. Further Discussion Followed

Manager Laitinen presented Resolution #2015-4 which addresses Mahar Road in Trout Lake Township. This will add Mahar Road back to the County Road System.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to adopt resolution 2015-4 and to add Mahar Road to the County Road system.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked about the I-75 culvert project's completion date. Manager Laitinen indicated that it would be about three more weeks.

Resident Brad Burnham asked about the entrance of Sun-Glo Drive and 3 Mile Road. Water is causing wash-outs and the hill makes it difficult to exit safely. Manager Laitinen explained that ideas for improvement have been presented to the residents and have been rejected. He will look into maintenance that can be done to address the wash-outs.

Mr. Willis asked about the Little Rapids Project start date. Manager Laitinen explained scheduling that is still undecided and in the planning stages. At this point it is undeterminable. The majority of construction will be next year with a completion date of July 4, 2017.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Gagnon asked if the agenda could be sent to the Commissioners the day before the meeting. Manager Laitinen said that it would be done.

Chairman Timmer asked about the striping on the County Roads in general. Manager Laitinen indicated that a striping package is being put together.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

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Brian F. Decker  
Office Manager

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman