

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 September 10, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatruck, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Clerk Price, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Avery

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$118,852.79 and Vouchers in the amount of \$436,263.46 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 27, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore mentioned that he was approached by a Raber Township resident asking about having Rocky Point Road paved. Manager Laitinen responded that he had received the same request and had provided information to them on how to proceed. Supervisor Moore then asked about the paving timeline for the intersection of Mackinac Trail and Thompson Rd. Manager Laitinen answered that the project was bid out and is on today's agenda for award. There is not a projected date at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- The guys have had a very busy two weeks.
- The shoulder asphalt replacement project on M-123 is going well, there is still about 3000 feet to cut and pave.
- Keeping up with gravel roads
- Replaced a few culverts
- Starting work on Lost Lake Road

Foreman Erickson

- Crews busy on the 13 Mile Road project, replaced a pipe, seed and mulch work is done on the first stretch, working on the last undercut.
- Gravel road maintenance
- Sugar Island crews working on general maintenance

Office Manager Decker

- Reported that we were randomly selected for a Michigan Unemployment Audit. All went well
- Working on computer issues and finances

Project Manager Deatruck

- Mackinac Trail project is progressing well, scratch course of pavement to go down on Monday. The job is going very smooth.
- Working with Engineer Krouth on the plans for the Gogomain Road Federal Aid/Safety project.

Engineer Krouth

- The Little Rapids Project final contract is to be signed today.

Union President Hopper - No Report

MANAGERS REPORT

- Coordinating with Payne and Dolan for the pipe changes to take place on M-123 near the falls next week. The project should take a week and traffic will be down to one lane.
- We received our annual refund from the Liability Insurance Pool. The total of the refund this year is \$131,497.00. This is up considerably from past years.
- Working with ISCO Industries on SnapTite. This is the culvert lining material that will be used on I-75.
- We received good news regarding our ongoing case with the DEQ. There was a hearing with the MI Court of Claims, none of the DEQ's motions were granted and the Court sided with us on several of our points. The next step is mediation. Discussion ensued
- We received a request from Don McLean with the Sorva Group. They have requested to put ATV route signs on our sign posts. We are looking into the legality and will get back to them.
- Want to thank Project Manager Deatruck and Engineer Krouth for their diligence on the Gogomain Road project filing.
- Will be attending the negotiating committee meeting next week in Frankenmouth at the ASMRC Conference.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

BLALOCK ROAD DISCUSSION

Manager Laitinen informed the Board of a request that has been made by the residents of Blalock Road to have their road accepted onto the County Road system. Soo Township has submitted a resolution in support of the addition. It is his opinion that it is a good sand base/gravel road. Discussion ensued. The decision was made to gather the needed legal information and bring the matter back to the Board at the next meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to table the Blalock Road discussion until the next meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF ASPHALT PAVING BID MACKINAC TRAIL & THOMPSON RD INTERSECTION

Manager Laitinen went over the four bids received for paving the intersection of Mackinac Trail and Thompson Road. He recommends the low bidder, Payne & Dolan Inc..

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the Mackinac Trail and Thompson Road Paving bid to Payne & Dolan Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF HMA REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT BID

Manager Laitinen went over the two bids received for the HMA removal and replacement on Mackinac Trail and the scope of the project. The bids came in higher than expected but with the recent insurance pool refund Manager Laitinen feels we should proceed and he recommends Payne & Dolan Inc. for the project. Information is being gathered and will be given to MDOT with a request for help with the repair costs due to their I-75 closure and detour causing increased traffic on Mackinac Trail. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the HMA Removal and Replacement bid on Mackinac Trail to Payne & Dolan Inc.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF CULVERT LINER MATERIAL BID

Manager Laitinen discussed the product, how it's used and went over the one bid received. This is a fully funded MDOT sub-contract.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the Culvert Liner Material bid to ISCO Industries.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL TO SIGN TITLE SHEET FOR 2015 GOGOMAIN FEDERAL AID PROJECT

Manager Laitinen explained to the Board that these Title Sheets are needed as part of the package that is submitted in order to get 2015 funds obligated.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to sign the Title Sheet for the 2015 Gogomain Rd. Federal Aid Project.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kinross Supervisor Jim Moore thanked Western Area Foreman Randy Pesola and his crew for filling the pavement hole's and the new pavement markings in the Kincheloe area. Supervisor Moore also thanked Sign Foreman Larry Young for installing the blind child area signs. He also informed the Board and Staff that area business Pipe and Piling is no longer in operation. Supervisor Moore asked Manager Laitinen to prepare a bid for a gravel base on the new road from Country Club to Gains Hwy.

Union President Bill Hopper thanked the Board and Management for the rental of the concrete saw used on the M-123 job. It made the project go much faster.

Foreman Pesola informed the Board that 26 year employee Keith Swendsen's last day is September 17th and wished him a wonderful retirement.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Brad Ormsbee commented that the truck display at the Chippewa County Fair was a big success.

Chairman Timmer mentioned all the travel he has recently done and how proud he is of the condition of the roads in Chippewa County.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Amy Price
Board Secretary

Chairman Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board