

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on May 5, 2016.

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Surveyor Wiggins, Chief Mechanic Marsh

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to amend the Agenda to include hiring decision.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$115,181.00 and Vouchers in the amount of \$347,350.39 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 May 5, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Working on Obamacare reporting requirements.
- Working on Website updates.

Engineer Krouth

- Gave a presentation on the Little Rapids project at the Lake Huron Fisheries Workshop in Cedarville.
- Construction has started on the lean to addition.

- Submitted a category F application for improvements to the Sugar Island Ferry dock area. The project estimate is \$130,000.00.
- Attended the Straits Area Council Meeting on Tuesday.
- A U.S. CORPS of Engineers permit agreement was received for the Little Rapids Project. Turbidity curtains will be going up in preparation for the start of construction. Road plans have been approved, still waiting on the bridge plans. Discussion ensued.
- A weekly meeting will be held at the Road Commission Office on Thursdays at 1:30 for those involved in the Little Rapids Project.
- A small podium ceremony for the Little Rapids project will be held towards the end of June. Legislators and the public would have a chance to tour the site. Chairman Timmer mentioned that it would be nice to have site visits when milestones are hit, he also mentioned taking pictures along the way. Discussion ensued. A Facebook page has been set up for the project that would be a good place to post pictures of the progress.
- The letting for the Townline Road project in Pickford will be taking place tomorrow.

Union President Hopper - No Report

MANAGERS REPORT

- Monroe trip was very worthwhile. It is a very manual operation. Their Engineers were very interested in what we thought would improve their equipment and the improvements we have done on our own.
- During the long bus ride to Monroe there was a lot of discussion with other Managers. They showed interest in the box culvert we are putting in on 12 Mile Road. Many asked if they could come watch the placement when the culverts go in.
- Our Millage proposal will be presented at the County Finance Committee meeting tonight at 5:30 for approval.
- A request was received to dump overburden in the pit behind the animal shelter. Because the pit is County Commission owned it would need to have their approval.

HIRING DECISION

The ad has been placed and several applications have been received.

Manager Laitinen recommends converting seasonal temporary employee Shawn Campbell to fulltime status.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to convert seasonal temporary Shawn Campbell to fulltime status.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE

DISCUSSION OF MACKINAC BRIDGE CARD

Office Manger Decker explained to the Board that with a Bridge Card we would receive a discount when crossing the Mackinac Bridge. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to establish an account with the Mackinac Bridge Authority.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union President Hopper asked if it would be possible to erect a tower with a time lapse camera to take pictures of the progress being made on our larger projects. Chairman Timmer thought it was an interesting idea. Manager Laitinen indicated that he would look into it.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer mentioned the possibility of posting signage along County Road projects that were completed with the new 2017 road funding. Manager Laitinen mentioned that he thought that the same type of signage informing the public when Millage funds are used to fund a project. It was mentioned that this information would also be a good item for a Facebook page.

Chairman Timmer asked if we post our construction projects on our website. Office Manager Decker said that yes, both County and State projects within our County are posted on our webpage. This would be easy information to post on our Facebook page as well when established. Chairman Timmer indicated that he felt we need to focus on better communication within the organization. Manager Laitinen responded he would work on improving communication. Office Manager Decker discussed with the Board that one way to get real time information/communication would be to electronically link each garage to allow for automated timekeeping, internal e-mail and other data

transfer between facilities. A rigorous discussion occurred. Office Manager Decker will research options for internet connection at each facility and availability of I.T. Consultants in our area.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board