

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, MI on April 25, 2024.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Union President Cheney, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski

ABSENT: Commissioner Sprague, Engineer Boileau, Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh

GUEST PRESENT: Chippewa County Commissioner Jim Traynor

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$183,104.13 and Vouchers in the amount of \$270,002.32 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2024 and place them of file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Completed some changes to the account structure for state codes to make it easier for timekeeping purposes.
- Completed 1st quarter financials with Clerk Livermore

Superintendent Erickson

- Grading and patching gravels.
- Cold patching paved roads.
- Finishing up some equipment maintenance.

Foreman Goodman

- Same as Sault

Foreman Rye

- Drummond Island brush hog
- Getting ready to change a pipe on M-48 in early May
- Detour man hole / catch basin repair

Engineer Boileau

- No report.

Clerk Christensen- presented by Clerk Livermore

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Expressed appreciation for the automated flagging devices. Used them on a lane closer on Three Mile Road this week. Each time they get used, more and more of the crew likes how they keep the crew out of the traffic lane. They would like to see a second set purchased. Chairman Gagnon agreed a second set would be a good investment.
- Phil Eavou is the incoming president of the union, beginning in May.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Attended the Safety Summit in Gaylord.
- Picked up a used mower and off-set from Grand Traverse County Road Commission.
- Waiting for the tag trailer to be delivered.
- Getting the documents gathered for the drag blade and fuel/oil bids.
- Attended the John Deere factory visit.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Prepping learning materials for the Clerks' meeting scheduled for during UP Road Builders.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- There are some real-estate issues related to construction permits for Bay Mills Tribe regarding the section of ROW at the current Bay Mart location that was quit-claimed to them. The title insurance company is wanting documentation from before 1920 that we are trying to locate, if it still exists.
- Dealing with the DNR regarding a real-estate issue around a bridge at the end of 18 Mile Road.
- Attended the JTC and Wetland Board meetings in Lansing and have been appointed to the Chair of the Wetland Board.

- Working with EGLE on stream mitigation. The first meeting will be May 22nd.
- Anticipating comments from the public regarding Hantz Road this summer. MDOT has full season road closures scheduled that may inadvertently divert traffic through that road, creating concerns for dust/air quality. The MDOT detour does not use this road, but locals may try to use it to by-pass construction. We are working to identify solutions.
- Met with MDOT regarding use of maintenance funds to do some summer work.
- Received notice from Dickinson County Road Commission, inviting us to participate in training through Ferris State University relating to electrical systems and emissions systems.
- Engineer Boileau is attending the MDOT construction season kick-off meeting.
- The work for Mackinac Trail should be awarded soon.
- Next week is the Chub Creek bid letting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2024-12 - Support detour route for M-28 Rail Crossing work.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve Resolution 2024-12.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- B. Sugar Island Township Road Agreement - pavement markings - Township share \$20,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve and sign the Sugar Island Township Road Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

- C. Policy Reaffirmations:
 - i. Policy #8 - Title VI Policy
 - ii. Policy #9 - Drug Free Workplace Policy
 - iii. Policy #10 - Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Policy

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to reaffirm Policies #8, #9, and #10.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- Commissioner Traynor reported the Sunday power outage on Neebish Island has created another issue between the residents of the Island and EUPTA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gagnon wished everyone "stay safe" and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman