

**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 January 31, 2024.

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Rye, Foreman Goodman, Engineer Boileau, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen, Union President Cheney.

**ABSENT:** Manager Laitinen.

**GUEST PRESENT:** County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Trout Lake Township Trustee David Hillman.

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that Payroll in the amount of \$230,012.06 and Vouchers in the amount of \$126,748.25 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Mosser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from January 18, 2024 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Trout Lake Trustee Hillman reported fiber is still being installed in Trout Lake area. Engineer Boileau confirmed the work permit has been extended into next year.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- Working on Year End with Clerk Livermore.
- Purchased and picked up a van on Monday.

Superintendent Erickson

- Winter maintenance & equipment maintenance.
- Patching roads where conditions allow.
- Culvert issue starting on I-75.

Foreman Goodman

- Winter Maintenance and some brush work.

Foreman Rye

- Nothing new to report.

Engineer Boileau

- Getting chip seal package for Bruce Township and Kinross Township ready.
- Frost restrictions for heavy hauling are starting to be put in place across the Upper Peninsula with Mackinac & Luce Counties placing theirs on Friday and Monday, respectively. Chippewa County will continue to monitor the situation but a decision to impose the restriction has not been declared.

Clerk Christensen

- Working to get 1099's uploaded.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Went to Grand Traverse County to look at a mower in their fleet that we are considering for use on the state mowing. It was impressive.
- Will go to Oakland County to evaluate a tandem sander with spinner. If it is in working condition we might acquire.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Per the collective bargaining agreement, after all January timecards are entered and approved, 2% raises will be applied with an effective 2/1/24 start date.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Nothing new to report.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- No Report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. RESOLUTIONS - Applications for Local Bridge Program Funding
  - i. 2024-03 - North Hulbert Road over the Tahquamenon River
  - ii. 2024-04 - Old Mackinac Trail Bridge over Pine River
  - iii. 2024-05 - Preventative Maintenance Riverside Drive over Munuscong River

- iv. 2024-06 - Preventative Maintenance 22 Mile Road over Big Munuscong River
- v. 2024-07 - Preventative Maintenance Riverside Drive over Little Munuscong River
- vi. 2024-08 - Preventative Maintenance Gogomain Road over Gogomain River
- vii. 2024-09 - Huckleberry Lake Road over the Carp River

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to pass RESOLUTION 2024-03 through RESOLUTION 204-09, all applications for the Local Bridge Program Funding.

**MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

B. CRA Board of Directors Ballot - Doug Mills, Engineer Manager for Baraga County is the incumbent running unopposed.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to cast Chippewa County's Vote in favor of Doug Mills.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- NONE

**County Commissioners Comments**

- County Commissioner Traynor reported an update on the home health nursing contract.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Gagnon wished the crew "stay safe." With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Jeremy Gagnon  
Chairman