

**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 September 15, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Rye, Union President Cheney, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Clerk Christensen, Clerk Livermore.

**GUEST PRESENT:** Trout Lake Township Supervisor Dave Hillman.

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$150,843.14 and Vouchers in the amount of \$972,324.07 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 1, 2022 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dave Hillman, Trout Lake Township Supervisor, reported a new ORV club in forming and there is a sand berm being dragged by the ORV's onto Carp River Truck Tail. CCRC will be installing a guardrail barrier to protect the sand berm.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- Working on new GPS units in fleet.
- Goetzville power and bids for concrete work for fuel system.

Superintendent Erickson

- Worked on garage drain field work on Sugar Island.
- Started Geogrid on Village Road.

Foreman Goodman

- Worked on tank crossing at Tahqua Trail.
- Addressed holes and high water on Betsy River Road.

Foreman Rye

- Maintenance on Drummond Island - hot mix patching and culvert repairs.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Lots of turnover at vendors. Beginning to turnover for winter.

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

- Ethan, Pickford Mechanic, resigned. The open position has been posted.
- Working with the Pickford School to remove restricted lane on Pleasant between School and Frances. Attended their meeting on 9/13/22 with township, stakeholders, and school. No ROW or transportation permits were filed prior to the work beginning. A shop drawing and permit application for revised design has been received and permits approved.
- A speed study has been ordered and scheduled for October 2022 for Bruce Township at Scenic Drive North of 15 Mile Road. The requesting party of the speed study is wanting to extend the 25 MPH zone by  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile to the end of the housing. MSP has requested the results of the speed study provide resolution to the matter and that Bruce Township abide by the results.
- Dix Point Road has been accepted into the county system. Received a letter from a resident indicating "illegal culvert" discharging water onto property. Working on a response.
- Timber sale offer at Brocklehurst Pit. Ronnie Pappin has offered \$11K to cut and thin pulp wood from 20-acre wooded parcel.
- M-123 parcel - the owners have tentatively accepted the offer, but requested 5% deposit prior to entering the site. On hold due to cash flow.
- BIA funds finally enroute for 6 Mile / Waiska Bridge to cover 50% of project costs.
- MTF revenue down again with no explanation from treasury.
- Letter sent to BA to begin union contract negotiation.
- Attended Northern CRA conference. Lots of discussion surrounding financial software development.

- County Surveyor - a complaint has been made to the county commission regarding housing of county surveyor documents. A 1909 law requires all documents be held at the county seat. The documents will be moved. Rob is meeting with Kelly Church regarding it today.
- The new Neebish Island ferry to be delivered in mid-October 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. RESOLUTION 2022-16 MDOT Contract #22-5249 - Whitefish Point Road.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Resolution 2022-16 and sign MDOT Contract #22-5249.

**MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS Role Call Vote**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- NONE

**County Commissioners Comments**

- None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- None.

**MOTION CARRIED**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:56 A.M.

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Stephanie Boileau  
Deputy Clerk for the Board

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Richard Timmer  
Chairman