

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 6, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Clerk Livermore, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: Commissioner Timmer, Clerk Christensen

GUEST PRESENT: Trout Lake Township Supervisor David Hillman

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to table Election of Officers until the next meeting when all commissioners are present.

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Gagnon accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$191,683.88 and Vouchers in the amount of \$16,664.03 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 23, 2021 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to table the approval of the minutes from the Public Hearing Meeting of December 28, 2021 until the next meeting when all commissioners are present.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Working on year end.
- Finishing up a five year evaluation of the OPEB plan. Received an actuary report yesterday reflecting the reduction in planned

funding from \$1M to \$750K. The report shows the trust to be on track and will be fully funded by 2032.

- MTF for November was conservatively estimated at \$700K. The funds being received into the account this morning are approximately \$60K short.
- The annual audit is scheduled for the 3rd week of February with an estimated closing in mid-March.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy with winter maintenance. Everything is frozen now and the guys are doing a good job.

Foreman Goodman

- Busy.

Foreman Rye

- Busy getting caught up.

Engineer Boileau

- Federal aid projects are going out to bid with planned bid openings in February for Industrial Park Drive and in March for Six Mile Road.
- Working on local paving packages.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- With Brian Mills' up-coming retirement, been appointed to move up from Vice-President to President to learn before the May retirement date.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Working on closing out payroll year end. The is to have W2s ready to distribute by the middle of January.
- Working to gather audit materials.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is getting by. Nothing major.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Received the RTF statement. Tentatively working with the Mackinac County Manager on project funding. Mackinac County has plans for Borgstrom Road. Working on an agreement to allow Mackinac the use of our portion of the funds in 2022 with the understanding in 2024 the RTF for the counties will be used for Mackinac Trail.

- Dealing with the event that took place last week on Neebish Island. In an attempt to change the work priority of road service, including snow removal, on the island, the captain of the ferry canceled scheduled trips at 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. and vocalized blame for the cancelations on the Road Commission. When plow driver was granted access to the island and made no change to his route, the ferry captain canceled the scheduled noon ferry trip, again siting the reason to be a deckhand could not get to work due to the snow that had not been plowed. There are pictures of 1 ½" of fluffy snow. The Road Commission has not received any requests from Neebish Island (residents, captain, or crew) to change service priority. In talking with several residents of the island, they are happy with our level of service and the overall road conditions. Because of concerns regarding retaliation, we have installed security cameras at the island garage and can view them in the main office.
- Working with Kevin Gouza at MDOT on the up-coming non-winter State Maintenance. A meeting with the foremen will be scheduled for next week.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Payment of MERS Bill upon receipt of MTF revenue:
- B.) Payment of State of Michigan UIA upon receipt of MTF revenue:

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to pay MERS and UIA when the MTF is received.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- NONE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Commissioner