

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 December 8, 2022.

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, David Piche for Union President Cheney, Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Chairman Timmer, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Elect Jim Traynor.

Vice-Chairman Gagnon accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$196,483.92 and Vouchers in the amount of \$403,077.73 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 November 23, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Special Meeting minutes, for capital outlay with closed session for Collective Bargaining negotiation strategy, from November 23, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Budget work.

Superintendent Erickson

- Busy with slippery conditions.
- Changed a pipe on Soo Line and it is now open.

Foreman Goodman

- Clearing Fair Road intersection at M-80.

Foreman Rye

- Ditching work on 18 Mile Road.

Engineer Boileau

- Selected for 2025 local bridge program funding.
 - o \$350K to Mackinac Trail / Chub Creek replacement.
 - o \$151K to 12 Mile / Charlotte River removal.
 - o \$1.4M to 16 Mile / Little Munuscong replacement.

Clerk Christensen

- Nothing new to report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Congratulations to Chuck Lounds on his retirement. He's been a solid employee and will be missed.
- Received notification from MI Treasury. Fuel tax will go up 5% or 1.4 cents per gallon in 2023.
- Have a meeting scheduled on December 13th at 10:00 a.m. with the union and its business agent to begin negotiation talks.
- There was confusion on funding sources for the 6 Mile Road project. We are working with MDOT finance to recover \$300k in COVID relief funds.
- Last week several state official retired unexpectedly, including MDOT Director, Paul Ajegba.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Public Hearing Scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2022 at 9:00, following the regular Board Meeting. Purpose of the meeting:

- i.** 2023 Proposed Budget
- ii.** 2023 General Appropriations Act
- iii.** 2022 Budget Amendments
- iv.** Resolution for Fund Balance Transfer Authorization

B.) 2023 Meeting schedule - Clerk Livermore presented a list of proposed 2023 meeting dates, noting February, July, and November have alternate dates to accommodate conflicts due to conference dates and Thanksgiving.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve and accept the 2023 meeting dates.

MOTION CARRIED

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 8:15 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Vice-Chairman