

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 May 11, 2023.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Cheney, Foreman Rye, Fleet Manager Donajkowski.

ABSENT: Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Trout Lake Trustee Dave Hillman, Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis.

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 \$178,479.42 and Vouchers in the amount of \$640,099.27 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 27, 2023 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- No Report.

Superintendent Erickson

- Grading gravel roads.
- Pothole patching.
- Working on 11 Mile Road
- Failed culvert response.

Foreman Goodman

- Gravel grading and shoulder work.

- Brush-hog work.

Foreman Rye

- Same as Sault and Rudyard.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- No bids received for new garage doors - re-advertise with builder exchange.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore - presented by Manager Laitinen

- Thank you to everyone for helping get timecards approved early, allowing time away for the annual Finance and Human Resources Conference.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is busy.
- Things going well.
- DEF Quality sensor - changes common.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- MDOT seasonal restrictions ends today.
- Lifting remaining county seasonal road restrictions on Monday, May 15th.
- Gravel crushing bids are out with bid opening on the 24th.
- Receiving numerous broadband permit requests, primarily in Trout Lake area.
- All the county surveyor assets have been moved to the courthouse. Thank you to the board for accommodating.
- BMIC grant awarded for work on Tower Road going up Mission Hill to cemetery and overlook.
- Transportation budget is out and going to Conference Committee next. All budgets show slight rise in MTF revenue with the Governor's proposal at \$303M, House \$525M, and Senate at \$543M in General Fund Dollars. Typical budget would be \$91.3M.
- Bridge bundling is still potentially alive. Governor proposes \$200M and Senate \$150M.
- HB4458 and 4459 were reintroduced regarding wheeled vehicles on snowmobile trails. New changes allow logging and residential use.

- DNR Natural Resource Commission meeting tonight regarding new beaver trapping regulations for nuisance trapping.
- Met with BCBS for annual renewal. Things look good.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) **RESOLUTION 2023-11:** MDOT Contract #23-5105 - Kallio Road.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to adopt Resolution #2023-11 (MDOT Contract #23-5105).

MOTION CARRIED by UNANMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

B.) Pickford Township Road Agreement - Pennington Road between 22 Mile Road and M-48 and Fairview Road between Gogomain Road and M-48 - Township share \$280,000.

MOTION by Commission Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve Pickford Township Road Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

C.) MDOT Engineering Reimbursement - \$10,000 for a licensed engineer employed by road commission.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve and sign MDOT Reimbursement request.

MOTION CARRIED

D.) Award Neebish Island Fuel Tank Bid.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to award the fuel tank bid to RW Mercer.

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OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- Commissioner Traynor requested a Reduce Speed Ahead sign for Gogomain Road, approaching Pickford.
- Commissioner Traynor reported a Dollar General to be built in Pickford.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moser attended the Straits Area Council meeting.
Reported it was a good meeting overall.

Commissioner Sprague inquired about pavement markings - bids to be
opened in June/July.

Chairman Gagnon wants everyone to stay safe. With no further business
to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 A.M.

Robert Laitinen
Deputy-Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman