

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 29, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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, Clerk Christensen, Clerk Livermore, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: None

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis.

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$148,444.04 and Vouchers in the amount of \$77,401.51, \$78,185.13, and \$483.00 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 15, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, reported the crew did a nice job on Ploegstra.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Delivery of Salt will start next week with Soo and Eckerman.
- Ground work for the fuel system at Goetzville is started and should be complete next week. Tank should be set in two weeks. The concrete footprint for the fuel system on Drummond has been modified and should be started after Goetzville complete.

Superintendent Erickson

- Finishing up Village Road on Sugar Island with some gravel, ditch work, and culverts.
- County salt arriving this week and state salt next week.
- Catching up on gravel maintenance.

Foreman Goodman

- Working on Tahqua Trail, putting in some gravel with some grade work.

Foreman Rye

- Changed a few pipes.
- Going to Drummond to mix salt.

Engineer Boileau

- 6 Mile Bridge almost complete - waiting on delineators.
- Striped east portion of 6 Mile Road (between M-129 and Mackinac Trail).
- Striping company in town to do county road projects.
- Provided review of Transportation Asset Management plan. Required to update every three (3) years.
- Recognized and thanked bridge crew by name (Gerry, Jayson, Shawn, Chris, Chuck, and Curt). Informed the board of the role each played in the effort.

Clerk Christensen

- GPS installation is on-going.
- Attended the MERS conference in Traverse City.
- Snow stakes are on the way.

Union President Cheney

- Union dinner is October 15th at the Kewadin Casino in the Grand Ballroom. Office staff and commissioners are invited.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Attended the Northern Conference and CRASIF annual meeting. Brought back our CRASIF award for a county with a low injury rate.
- UP Clerks meeting is October 19th and 20th in Iron Mountain.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Lots of little break downs.
- Gearing up for Winter.

MANAGER' S REPORT

- Received notice from MSP regarding speed study conducted on South Scenic Drive. No official results, but it is likely to require a speed increase from 35 mph to 45 mph with an increase in length to the speed zone.
- Received an invitation from Brimley School to participate in a careers on wheels event for the students.
- MSP has requested we participate in a frost patrol agreement again this year. This agreement comes with a charge to the road commission to help offset the cost to MSP.
- Received request from Michigan Tech to host an Asset Management training for local officials.
- Receiving quotes for salt shed loader. So far received one quote with significant price increase from prior years.

- Conducted four interviews for a mechanic in Pickford.
- Salt is on the dock, but due to budget year end, it cannot be delivered until October 1st.
- Looking at winter staffing level needs and will be hiring temps. The unstable cost of fuel and fluctuating MTF are prohibitive factors to hiring any full-time positions currently.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Township Road Agreement - Soo Township - 6 Mile Road between Forrest Side Road and M-129 - Township cost approx. \$85,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve Soo Township Road Agreement for 6 Mile Road.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. RESOLUTION 2022-17 - 2022 Transportation Asset Management Plan

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to pass RESOLUTION 2022-17 - Asset Management Plan for 2022.

MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY by ROLE CALL VOTE

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to authorize the Finance Director (Brian Decker) and Board Chair (Richard Timmer) to sign the proof of acceptance of Asset Management Plan.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. RESOLUTION 2022-18 - West 19 Mile Road

Manager Laitinen presented the history of the road which MDOT decertified in 1954. Prior to a recent court case, these Rights-of-way could be abandoned through common law. The results of the case render this method no longer allowed. Due to the precedent established in court, it was recommended that the Road Commission adopt the resolution recognizing the section of road as a public access Right-of-Way.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approved RESOLUTION 2022-18.

MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY by ROLE CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Chairman Timmer expressed appreciation for Engineer Boileau's cover story in the current issue of Cross Roads and thanked the crews for all they do.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman