

A PUBLIC HEARING 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 28, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 10:17 A.M.

Purpose: General Appropriations Act for 2022.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Moser, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon

GUEST PRESENT: None

Office Manager Decker requested to have Approval of Budget Amendment #1 added to the agenda as item 8.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to open the public hearing for discussion regarding 2022 General Appropriations Act.

MOTION CARRIED

Office Manager Decker reviewed the line items of the proposed budget for 2022. Due to continued shortfalls in MTF revenue versus the projections provided by Treasury seen through 2021, this budget included a conservative MTF projection anticipating continued funding gaps in 2022. Should revenue projections from treasury come in line with received funds, paying off/down debts, funding the OPEB Trust, and building reserves will be a priority.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the General Appropriations Act for 2022.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to pass Resolution 2021-14, granting fund balance transfer authorization.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLLCALL VOTE

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to appoint Robert Laitinen, Manager as Chief Administrative Officer and Brian Decker, Office Manager as Fiscal Officer for 2022 and grant transfer authorization, not to exceed 30% of total budget, for budget line-item deficit.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding amendments to the 2021 budget. After adjustments to the financials using actual numbers through December 28, 2021 and estimating the remaining couple of days, it is estimated that we will end the year approximately with a \$204K deficit. This has been a second consecutive year of unforeseen reductions in projected MTF. Closely monitoring expenditures and pre-buying winter equipment and material to avoid significant price increases and supply chain shortages resulted in the Road Commission's continued ability to stay within 1-2% of the overall budget. While this year showed a deficit budget, it was a well-managed and controlled loss, relying on reserves to cover.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the 2021 Budget Amendment #1.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman