

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 February 12, 2026.

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

PRESENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Union President Bumstead, Clerk McLean, Clerk Sillers.

ABSENT: Office Manager Livermore.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$230,276.88 and Vouchers in the amount of \$609,859.63 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 January 29, 2026, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- No Report

Foreman Johnston

- Slicer/Grader/Blower out to push banks back.
- Gravels are down to single lanes.

Foreman Goodman

- Emerson Bay access ended up getting cleaned out by somebody, conversation ensued.
- Getting a break in the weather so the guys are getting the blowers and slicers out to start pushing banks back.

Foreman Johnson

- Good job to the guys this winter.
- Staff from the Goetzville & Pickford garages visited Pickford schools with equipment and to talk about snowplow safety a day last week.

Engineer Boileau

- Working on projects for 2027.
- Bids this spring

Clerk Sillers

- Working on gathering things for the auditors.

Union President Bumstead

- Nothing new to report

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Busy in the shop
- Trucks breaking down.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Special thanks to everyone, the union and all the guys. It's been a long winter, and the hard work has not gone unnoticed.
- Residents are getting frustrated with winter as well.
- Met with Acrisure last week looking at BCBS renewals and quotes and options.
- Straits Council meeting last week
- Attended CRA webinar, 2026 looks flat financially.
- 2027 year looks like we will see more of the financial impact that the legislature has been talking about.
- Next week, Wednesday through Friday, I will be gone for surveyors training for continuing education.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) RESOLUTION 2026-03 - MDOT contract 26-5019 HMA Overlay for 120 Mile Road between M-129 and Riverside Drive

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve RESOLUTION 2026-03 - in support of MDOT contract #26-5019.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

- a.) Paradise garage property

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to support conveyance of paradise garage property to whitefish township and authorize manager Laitinen to send notice to MDNR real estate of the board's intention.

County Commissioner's Comments

- Commissioner Traynor reported that a risk assessment was done at the courthouse for mold spores. All test determined nothing found.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Sprague won't be at the next two or three meetings. Chairman Gagnon wished everyone to "stay safe".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 A.M

Amber McLean
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman