

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 31, 2025.

The meeting was called to order at 8:47 A.M.

Purpose: General Appropriations Act for 2026.

PRESENT: Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Livermore

ABSENT: Chairman Gagnon

GUEST PRESENT: None

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to open the public hearing for discussion regarding 2026 Proposed Budget/General Appropriations Act.

MOTION CARRIED

Office Manager Livermore referred to the minutes of the Special Meeting regarding the proposed 2026 budget. No changes to the 2026 budget were presented and a recommendation to pass the budget as presented was made.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the General Appropriations Act for 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

Budget Amendment #1

Office Manager Livermore reviewed the original budget for 2025 against the year-to-date performance, noting one full day for payroll remained as well as some month end accounting entries to be made. Overall, this year is projected to end with expenditures exceeding revenue by approximately \$1.056 million. Primary factors contributing to the negative net revenue include:

- Recognizing a 20% reduction in MTF for the fourth quarter;
- Timing of the purchase of the new Western Star trucks and the availability of the vendor to upfit not requiring the disbursement of loan funds;
- The 16 Mile bridge replacement was excluded from the 2025 budget in error;
- Equipment maintenance costs higher than projected due to an aging fleet;

- Removal of several capital outlay line items due to cashflow not supporting those planned purchases and other needs taking priority.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the 2025 Budget Amendment #1.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to pass Resolution 2025-05, optional fund transfer per Act 51.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLLCALL VOTE

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to appoint Robert Laitinen, Manager as Chief Administrative Officer and Bobbie Livermore, Office Manager as Fiscal Officer for 2026 and grant transfer authorization, not to exceed 30% of total budget, for budget line-item deficit.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Charles Moser
Vice-Chairman