

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on November 5, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatrack, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Surveyor Wiggins

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$121,959.64 and Vouchers in the amount of \$313,795.21 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 22, 2015 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Winter Ice Sand is complete
- Snow staking is done
- Doing a small ditching job on M-123 for the State

Foreman Erickson

- Replaced failed culvert on 8 Mile Rd.
- Snow staking
- Gravel road maintenance
- Received stream crossing permits
- Removing berms from under guardrails using the grader and an attachment that was built in-house.

Foreman McConkey

- Snow markers are in
- Ice Sand is complete
- Working on Gravel Roads
- Truck Maintenance

Office Manager Decker

- Financials are ready for September
- All the Salt is delivered to the barns for the Winter
- Health Insurance Research

Project Manager Deatruck

- Townline Road plans are 75% complete. John Gustafson from the DEQ will be here next week to check.
- SHPO approval forms taking a long time. Discussion ensued
- The Federal Aid Pavement marking package has been approved and will be in the January 8<sup>th</sup> letting.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Straits Council Meeting in Mackinac City
- Continuing to work on the Little Rapids Project plans
- The culvert replacement on Sugar Island is complete and the guardrail is going in today.
- Working on submittal to the BIA for reimbursement on the culvert project.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Took delivery of our 6<sup>th</sup> and last new truck
- Continuing to prepare trucks for Winter
- Night shift helping with maintenance
- Visiting Soo Township School today to give a plow safety presentation.

Union President Hopper

- No Report

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Held the Winter Safety Meeting on the 27th in the Sault garage.
- Funding bills passed! Discussion ensued - no new money until January 2017.

- Attended the Straits Area Council Meeting in Mackinac City. We take over as the Host for 2016.
- Discussed House Bill 5016 which asks for Road Agencies to pay for movement of Utility Poles.
- Will be interviewing for the temporary positions next week.
- Held the RTF Meeting here. Working on the five year project list.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None**

**KINROSS TOWNSHIP SHORT CUT ROAD DISCUSSION**

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore informed the Board that the Township cannot build the Short Cut Road this year. Discussion ensued

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Foreman Pesola mentioned that the crews have been working on painting the truck wheels and other maintenance painting and what a difference it made.

Commissioner Ormsbee mentioned that he noticed the work on the trucks and what a difference it made to the look of the trucks.

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked if Kincheloe is on the 5 year project list mentioned earlier by Manager Laitinen? He replied that no, they fall into a different category and would be on a different project list.

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to keep safety in mind as we move into the Winter season. He also mentioned the maintenance being done and the good impression it leaves with the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Chairman Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board