

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 3, 2020.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Rye, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Christensen.

GUEST PRESENT: None.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$150,897.13 and Vouchers in the amount of \$96,719.34 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 20, 2020 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Design plans (crush & shape) for Shunk Road between Five Mile and Nine Mile are complete and submitted to MDOT for 2021 RTF project. GI Review is next week.
- Shipwreck Society plan updates should be here next week for re-submittal.
- Received preliminary plans for Six Mile box culvert. OHM is recommending a small revision and then it will be submitted to BIA for funding.
- EGLE is working on the site report from their Paradise Garage site investigation. We should see the report next month.

Office Manager Decker

- Continuing to work with Abby and ATT on the First Net plan.
- Blade Bids were received this week.
- Finished up the financials.

Superintendent Erickson

- Crews working on Nicolet. The tree service company did an excellent job of removing the trees from the power lines.
- Working on gravel maintenance/dragging and more guardrail repair.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report

Foreman Rye

- Francis Street close to complete. Discussion ensued.

Clerk Christensen - reported by Clerk Livermore

- Received touchless thermometers from Central Dispatch for the foremen to carry.
- Still waiting for the determination on the grants submitted.

Union President Mills

- Nothing at this time.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Finished the COVID-19 training in the garages in time for an update to the screening process to be released. Will get the changes made to the form and get it out to the garages.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Received a letter from Fred Gulick, requesting work to be done to the road adjacent to his property. He continues to block the road with a gate, preventing work. A letter of response is being prepared.
- A new property owner in DeTour on Caribou Lake Road was given misinformation by a realtor regarding the status of the road. The new owner was told this county road was a private road and has gated it off from public use. There have been numerous in person and written conversation with this owner instructing removal of the gate.
- A property owner in Brimley has placed fill on the roadway located at Crawford Street, obstructing traffic. Our attorney has been contacted.
- We have an agreement from both counsels regarding truck 626. The truck has been released for repairs.
- Advertising for winter temps will go out soon.
- Revenue estimates published by Treasury are anticipated to be about \$300k short from what was budgeted in December.
- Continuing to work with Pickford School to change the traffic pattern around the school. We will be addressing some future abandonment plans.

- The MDOT negotiating meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020.
- The Wetland Board ribbon cutting at the Perry Wetland site will be September 21, 2020.
- Attended the funeral for Rick McDowell (husband to retiree Christine McDowell).
- The MIOSHA inspector has given us some great compliments for our housekeeping efforts. He was impressed by our green lights and their visibility. Thank to all employees for their efforts in keeping our workplace safe.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Drag Blade Bids - Manager Laitinen noted that products bid by St. Regis did not meet the specs. He recommended awarding the bid based on price of the highest volume product (drag blades).

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award the bid to Truck and Trailer Specialists with the option to purchase plow shears from Roland Machinery.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to enter into close session at 8:40 a.m. to discuss a potential real-estate transaction.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLLCALL VOTE

Open session resumed at 9:15 a.m. No decisions were made during closed session.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to grant Manager Laitinen the authority to proceed with the potential real-estate transaction up to the limits discussed for the good of the County Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman