

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, Michigan on September 25, 2014.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, LaJoie and Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Project Mgr. Deatrick, Foreman Pesola, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Engineer Askwith, Union President Hopper and Chief Mechanic Avery.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$117,839.39 and Vouchers in the amount of \$362,796.08 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 11, 2014 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comment

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Vermillion Road almost done
- Moving on to the breakwall work on Whitefish Point Road
- Performing general road maintenance & patching

Foreman Erickson

- Crews working on slope and soil erosion items on 3 Mile Road
- General road maintenance
- Done with AMZ work for the season

Foreman McConkey

- Neebish Island hill cut is finished
- General road maintenance
- Working on State shoulders on M-48 west

Project Manager Deatrck

- Federal Aid Projects almost done
- Countywide Pavement Markings have been completed
- Working on Federal Aid projects for next year

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Letter sent to DEQ four weeks ago, no response yet.
- Still waiting on final contracts from the BIA & Tribe.
- Working with Engineer Askwith on Contractor selection for the URS job. Two of the Three have indicated that they can't do the project with the budget given. The third has asked for more time to work on the numbers. Discussion ensued.
- Visited the I-75 Bridge site before it reopened and had a tour of the repairs done. The North bound lane is open and the south bound lane should reopen in a couple weeks.
- Spoke with Truck and Trailer and the new Truck is 1 to 2 weeks out.
- An agreement has been made with the Hessel Airport to purchase their road snow blower. Checking with EDC, Smithers and Continental to see what they may have available.
- The adjuster was here to look at the burned brush hog, no word back from them yet.
- The Salt Barn is moving along very well and should be ready for salt deliveries soon. Checking into doing some additional paving at the site.
- Office Manager Decker is attending the MERS Conference in Detroit.
- Payne and Dolan's paving crew was sent west. Our local paving dates to be determined, some sites may be postponed until Spring.
- The City Street Dept would like to sell us their old AMZ Machine for \$1. They do not have the room to store it and it is still in operating condition. Discussion ensued.

County Road Association Official Ballot. Commissioner Timmer outlined the items covered by the ballot. His recommendation is that we approve it. Manager Laitinen mentioned the increase in service charge from CRAM. His recommendation is that we approve.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Ballot be approved.

Roll Call: Commissioner Ormsbee Yes
 Commissioner LaJoie Yes
 Commissioner Timmer Yes

MOTION CARRIED

Building Improvements: One quote was received for the improvements needed to the front entrance. The quote was from Kaysner Construction for \$13,400.00 with an additional \$7,800.00 for ground and cement work to bring us into ADA compliance. We can do most of the ground work ourselves and will proceed at this time with the building improvements only.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No Public Comment

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ormsbee asked if we can take the bump on Mackinac Trail down. Discussion ensued on how to accomplish that.
- Commissioner LaJoie commended the crews on the good work he see's around the County.
- Commissioner Timmer mentioned that the roads are looking well taken care of. The shoulder work and line painting look great.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:45 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman