

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 July 1, 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, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Mgr. Deatrck, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Pesola, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson and Chief Mechanic Avery

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie that the Payroll in the amount of \$112,959.83 and Vouchers in the amount of \$134,376.87 be approve and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2104 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Working on State salt shed
- Continue to work on problem pipes on M-123
- Working with brush hog on Johnson Road

Foreman McConkey

- Dragging Roads
- Working on changing pipes
- Brine operations have been completed in Raber in Goetzville.

Office Manager Decker

- New vehicle has been ordered through the state bid process and should be available in August.
- Reviewing state equipment rates.
- Second installment invoice from URS for causeway project has been received. Waiting to receive the first installment reimbursement before payment of second.

Project Manager Deatrck

- Ploegstra Road should be opened back up today or tomorrow. Completion date was scheduled for July 3rd. Project has turned out very nice. Thanked Dave Mills for his help with this project.
- Attended meeting with Bay Mills last week to discuss the sanitary sewer system to be installed.
- MDOT bid letting for guardrail will be held on July 11th.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Deadline was yesterday at 1:00 p.m. for statement of qualifications for the Sugar Island Causeway project. We received five submittals with four out of the five looking good. Will be calling engineers today to discuss in cooperation with URS. Final decision for Board approval at our July 19th meeting.
- Working on BIA funding for Sugar Island storm damage. Visited sites with Foreman Erickson and created a punch list of work to be completed. Work is being done now.
- The detour route on Mackinac Trail is holding well.
- Working on the Whitehead Road and will then move to 3 Mile Road.
- Salt barn bids are out, getting some interest and questions.
- Working on estimates for several pipes to be changed on M-123 near falls. Should mean a sizeable adjustment in our budget. All earth work will be completed by our crews.
- Working on Township Road Agreements with Whitefish Twp and Drummond Island Twp.
- Scheduled interim bridge inspections for 6 bridges which meet criteria and require this interim inspection. Ayers & Associates will complete this work next week. Cost will be around \$2,000.00 for the 6 structures.
- Contractor began the trunk line mowing last week. I-75 is nearly completed. They will also be performing some county road side mowing.

Manager Laitinen presented MDOT Engineering Reimbursement form in the amount of 3,174.89 for the sum paid to consultant engineer Gary Nitz, P.E. and reimbursable through Act 51.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve engineering reimbursement to be submitted to MDOT in the amount of \$3,174.89.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

All commissioners wished everyone a great and safe 4th of July.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell
Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman