

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on June 30, 2016.

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$121,576.03 and Vouchers in the amount of \$126,317.59 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 minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 16, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kinross Township Supervisor Moore reported that Norris Contracting has started the gravel work on Short Cut Rd. He requested that two stop signs be placed, one at each end of the new road and that the Township be billed.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- East 13 Mile is complete and has been seeded and mulched.
- Working on culvert changes on W. 5 Mile Road.
- AMZ machine has been out on the County Roads.
- Screen Plant has been moved from the Brockelhurst Pit to the Touri Rd Pit.
- All else is going well.

Foreman McConkey

- Maintenance on seasonal roads.
- Small projects in Pickford in conjunction with project.
- Prepping roads for brine.
- Mechanic shop has been busy; Chief Mechanic Marsh has been helping.
- New employee Jayson Cairns working out well.

Foreman Goodman

- Finished gravel shoulder work on M-28.
- Doing shoulder paving on M-123.
- Starting on Hulbert Road culverts and lift project.
- General maintenance on Seasonal Roads.
- Because of the dry weather the brine put down isn't working.

Office Manager Decker

- A reminder has been sent for the July 19 photographs being taken for the ID badges. This is a free service from Central Dispatch of Chippewa County. Health Care election forms are due at the same time.

Engineer Krouth

- Construction is going at three sites.
- Gogomain Road in Pickford has been skim coated and will be finished after the Holiday.
- Milling has started on Townline Road.
- The Little Rapids Project Kick Off Meeting went great. The murky water problems have improved. Placement of the abutments and pillars are going well. Chairman Timmer thanked Engineer Krouth for the great job organizing the Kick Off Meeting.
- Worked on the Box Culvert Bid.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- All is going well in the shop.
- Converting an old tandem truck into a Tractor to haul the lowboy trailer.

- General truck maintenance.
- Our welder has been going through all the sanders and making any necessary repairs.
- Gathering information and pricing on green lights.

Union President Hopper - M-123 paving job turned out really well.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen told the Board about the shoulder work that our crews are doing for the State and stated that we can take great pride with the skill of our staff and in the work they are doing.
- Attended the MDEQ mediation.
- Working on three road abandonments with Residents and their Attorneys. CRA is working on abandonment protocol.
- Contacted by Christina with CRA regarding an article she is preparing on Winter Island Maintenance.
- Received the MDNR contract back for work on Teets Road.
- Inspected Short Cut Road in Kinross, looks good.
- Countywide bridge inspections are complete. No new issues.
- Manager Laitinen reported on the public works training available online.
- He congratulated Engineer Krouth on the success of the Little Rapids Project Kick-Off meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

AWARD OF BOX CULVERT BID

Manager Laitinen went over the box culvert bid, the locations and costs. There was only one bidder. His recommendation is to accept the bid from U.P. Concrete Pipe.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the box culvert bid to U.P. Concrete Pipe.

MOTION CARRIED

DEQ SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Manager Laitinen informed the Board of the resolution reached during Mediation. There are four sites in the County that will need additional work totally about \$25,000 and we have two years for

completion. We have tentatively agreed to a settlement of \$100,000, \$10,000 a year, to be paid over 10 years.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer for Manager Laitinen to proceed with the settlement process.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that he is on the Health Board and that the water testing done at the Little Rapids Project was tested and was ok to swim in. He asked if Manager Laitinen had any contact with Wendy Hoffman regarding funding. Manager Laitinen responded no.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to stay safe. Have a good Holiday.

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

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board