

**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 12, 2018.

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, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Mills.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ormsbee, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins,

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$140,574.44 and Vouchers in the amount of \$406,546.02 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 held on June 28, 2018

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Erickson

- Crew is very busy.
- 15 Mile Rd project is looking great.
- The road widener is in use on Sugar Island. This is a nice piece of equipment and saves on time and labor.

Office Manager Decker

- June financial wrap up.
- PA 202 Waiver research and preparation.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Two of our three roadside mowers are in operation. One is being repaired. Grass cutting countywide has been going well.
- The recently purchased road widener is operating on Sugar Island.
- Staying busy!

Union President Mills - No Report

## Managers Report

- Great Holiday, perfect weather.
- Manager Laitinen acknowledged employee's Curt Mikolowski, Josh Mills and any others that volunteered their time to shine up Road Commission trucks and participating in their local 4<sup>th</sup> of July community parades. This shows pride in their communities and their jobs!
- 15 Mile is in full swing, the gravel work turned out great and the community is very happy.
- Kincheloe Dr is done, only pavement markings remain.
- Baker Rd. and Lakeshore Dr. projects will be starting the last week of July.
- An agreement was made with AECOM to process all of our Federal Aid project reporting and act as our project Engineers for the remainder of this season.
- Have received notice from Trout Lake, Kinross and Sugar Island Townships of additional road work they would like to do.
- Foreman McConkey is "out standing in his field". In his absence Manager Laitinen reported that the Rocky Point Rd. project has started, and the gravel crushing is complete in Raber.
- Foreman Goodman is taking care of other business. In his absence Manager Laitinen reported that due to the very dry weather work is being done on the Betsy River Rd. also the water truck is out in the Whitefish Township area in effort to activate the brine put on the gravel roads.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### Guardrail Bid

Manager Laitinen reviewed the two bids received for the purchase and installation of Guardrail is various locations. The low bidder was Action Traffic Maintenance out of Flint for \$61,060.50.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to accept the bid from Action Traffic Maintenance for the purchase and installation of guardrail for \$61,060.50.

## **MOTION CARRIED**

### Pavement Marking Bid

Manager Laitinen reviewed the two bids received for countywide pavement markings. Requested work included 604,717 feet of 4inch white markings and 313,627 feet of 4inch yellow markings. The low bidder was PK Contracting for a total of \$40,866.31

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to accept the bid from PK Contracting for 604,717 feet of 4inch white markings and 313,627 feet of 4inch yellow markings for a total of \$40,866.31.

**MOTION CARRIED**

PA 202 Waiver Approval

PA 202 mandates funding levels for post employment benefits be at 40% and our defined benefit pension be at 60%. As of the end of 2017 our pension is funded at 52% and OPEB was at zero (0). In 2018 a Section 115 Trust was established to begin to address the unfunded OPEB. To date \$800,000 has been set aside for that purpose. Additional funding will be added when available. As of the end of 2017 both plans are out of compliance and waiver requests have been prepared for submittal to the Department of Treasury upon approval of the Board.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve sending the PA202 Wavier application and plan submission to Michigan Treasury.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Whitefish Township Proposal

A proposal was received by Whitefish Township offering \$7,000.00 for truck #567. Chief Mechanic Marsh indicated that the truck is worth close to double the offered amount. After discussion it was decided to hold on to the proposal but to continue with the bid process.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked if Manager Laitinen had received any funds from the Sault Tribe. Manager Laitinen responded no, he is working with Wendy. Supervisor Moore mentioned that the work being done along Ploegstra Rd looks great and asked if we had about a 25 foot piece of guardrail that the Township could purchase.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Timmer thanked those who participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parades.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman