

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on November 19, 2015.

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatruck, Surveyor Wiggins, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Ormsbee, Office Manager Decker

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$118,518.48 and Vouchers in the amount of \$173,435.22 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 November 5, 2015 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Working on gravel roads
- Completed a ditching project for the State on M-123
- Getting equipment ready for Winter

Foreman Erickson

- Culvert changes
- Gravel road maintenance
- Equipment maintenance

Foreman McConkey

- Working on Equipment
- Working on Gravel Roads
- Culvert change on M-134

#### Surveyor Wiggins

- Working on Ice/Sand Inventories
- Gravel Inventories will be next

#### Project Manager Deatrck

- The Federal Aid Pavement marking package has been approved and will be in the January 8<sup>th</sup> letting.
- Waiting on additional funding for the RTF program.

#### Engineer Krouth

- Continuing to work on the design phase of the Little Rapids Project.
- Informed the Board of an article in the Evening News discussing the effects of culverts vs bridges.
- Received the draft contract for the culvert replacement on 12 Mile Rd over Charlotte River.

#### Chief Mechanic Marsh

- All new trucks have been delivered and are in use
- Continuing to prepare trucks for Winter

#### Union President Hopper

- Asked when the postings would be out for County nights.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Received announcement/invitation to an event being held by Senator Casperson in Escanaba. He is running for the seat being vacated by US Congressman Benishek.
- Received request from Sault Tribe Inland Fish and Wildlife. They would like us to report any dead deer we come across. They are doing nutrition studies and need specimens.
- Took delivery of the Salt Shed Loader from Miller Bradford.
- Tentatively attending a negotiating committee meeting with MDOT in Mt. Pleasant on Dec 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.
- Arbitration Hearing is scheduled for Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, here.
- Two Winter temps have been hired. Dan Jere for Eckerman and Justin Peterman for Rudyard. Their start date has not been determined yet.
- Projected funding numbers were received from MDOT. Our current MTF is 4.795 million. No change for 2016. An additional 1.076 million for 2017 and an additional 1.4 million for 2018 are the estimated numbers at this point. Discussion ensued.

- Received a request from Rudyard Township to extend the Prairie Rd contract to include the rest of the roadway, approximately 2.1 miles. If the work can be completed in 2016 they are interested in paving it in 2017.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None**

**SUGAR ISLAND RESIDENT REQUEST FOR WINTER PLOWING**

Manager Laitinen read a letter he received from Sugar Island resident Faron W. Smith. His residence is at 8744 E Olson Road. He is now a full time resident of the Island and would like to have his road plowed by the Road Commission. In order to get to his residence you have to travel E. 7 Mile and Snover Rd. Both of these roads are seasonal. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to deny the Sugar Island request for snow plowing.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Chairman Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board