

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, MI on February 18, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon (via ZOOM), Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore, Foreman Rye, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Christensen.

GUEST PRESENT: None

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$175,551.59 and Vouchers in the amount of \$149,288.34 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that a correction to the Payroll for February 4, 2020 in the amount of \$13,195.07 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 4, 2021 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- The annual audit with Anderson Tackman will begin on Tuesday. Working to complete the year end financials in preparation for their arrival.
- The annual 455 report of fringe rates is complete. The rate will be increasing for 2020 from 138% to 151%

Superintendent Erickson

- No report.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report.

Foreman Rye

- Slow right now. Using the time to do maintenance.
- We lost another retiree, Tim Rader. Manager Laitinen noted that he was a great guy.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Mills

- It's COLD.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Garage is doing well to get vehicles in and out.
- The two backhoes and low-boy trailer have been ordered.
- The single axle truck for Drummond Island has been picked up.
- Working to find sources and specs for brush hog tractors.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- The Shunk Road project is advertised for the March letting.
- Started the safety applications and bridge applications for May. The Governor's amended budget has \$300M marked for bridges if approved.
- Working with MDOT on the OJ Miller Road Rail Road Crossing illuminated stop signs.
- Signed an agreement with Gary Nitz to do the design work for the salt barn in Goetzville. He did the designs for the Kinross facility and will be able to use those plans with some modifications for this one.
- Plan to attend the engineer's workshop remotely.
- Will attend the surveyors conference remotely.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Capital Outlay Purchases -

- i. Shop Hoist System - Gray Manufacturing produces a hoists with wing and snow plow lifting attachments. The current hoist does not support the wing and requires removal of the wing. Because of this maintenance sometimes gets deferred. The proposed purchase is for four (4) new 19,000 pound hoists with attachments from a Sourcewell provider for \$43,355.15.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the purchase of four (4) new hoists as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

B.) AYRES Bi-annual bridge inspection -

Manager Laitinen presented a proposal for professional services to be provided by AYRES for the Routine Bridge Inspection and Load Ratings for Chippewa County. This proposal also included sketches for 31 bridges as required by MDOT that are not currently on file. These are bridges whose construction was completed long before the requirement, but need to be added to the system.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to sign the agreement with AYERS for \$44,500 to conduct the bi-annual routine bridge inspection, load rating conditions, and compile sketches for the bridges without the required documents in MDOT's database.

MOTION CARRIED

C.) Demolition Bid -

Bids were accepted for the demolition of the buildings in Paradise and Trout Lake, as well as the current sand barn in Goetzville ahead of the construction of the new one. Reid Contractors had the lowest bid for the three sites as a package at \$46,550.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award the demolition bid to Reid Contractors.

MOTION CARRIED

D.) CRA Code of Conduct - The commissioners will review the content of the information prior to the next meeting so a version of this can be made into a policy.

- E.) Review/Reaffirm Policies:
- i. Policy #7 - FOIA
 - ii. Policy #8 - Title VI - Discrimination

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to reaffirm Policy #7 and Policy #8.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners Comments
None

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman