

**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 February 25, 2016.

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Project Manager Deatrick, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Union President Hopper and Chief Mechanic Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Surveyor Wiggins and Engineer Krouth.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$156,611.18 and Vouchers in the amount of \$88,721.89 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 minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2016 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on February 10, 2016 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Township Supervisor commented that the bumps on Mackinac Trail in front of Blalock Road were getting bad. Discussion ensued.

CCRC Foreman Pesola wanted to mention that the crew did a great job in the Kincheloe area after the rain/slush event.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Dealing with ice/slush on roads.
- Started brushing on Hulbert Road.
- Eckerman staff doing a great job. Temporary worker Chris Hornstra filling in wherever needed.
- Winter Maintenance

Foreman Erickson

- Icy Roads, scarfier blades being used.
- A few water problems
- Putting down cold patch where needed.

Foreman McConkey

- Steaming a few pipes
- Scarfier blades being used on icy roads.
- Quite a bit of sand use, still plenty on hand.
- Mechanic Fegan is now home and recovering.

Office Manager Decker

- The Auditors are in house this week.
- The Audit exit meeting will be next month.
- Attended the U.P. Road Builders, performance audits were discussed.

Project Manager Deatruck

- Plans for the Townline Road from Hancock to M-129 are ready and we are waiting on the DEQ for permits. Should be in the April letting.
- Thank You to the Board for 8 great years of employment.
- Discussed getting a bid from Payne and Dolan to fix the large bump on Mackinac Trail just North of 9 Mile.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Keeping up with equipment maintenance.
- Helping with snow removal when needed

Union President Hopper

- Asked if Manager Laitinen had met with The Central Dispatch coordinator. Manager Laitinen commented that he had made contact with them and discussion has been initiated.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Management and staff all wish Pickford Mechanic Fegan a speedy recovery.
- The RTF process is complete and has been turned into the State. Discussion ensued.
- Attended the MSPS Seminar with Surveyor Wiggins in Kalamazoo. They were showcasing all the new equipment available. One very

interesting item is the use of drones to monitor road projects and inventory piles.

- Had a discussion with the Great Lakes Commission and it appears that there is a good chance of receiving 100% funding from them to clean up the old Paradise Garage site. Discussion ensued.
- Met with the Forrest Service. They indicated that they have timber sale funds set aside to install a box culvert on Teets Road at Bear Creek through a co-operative grant. The project cost is approximately \$270,000 and requires a 20% match. The match can be cash or in-kind labor. Manager Laitinen asked for the Boards verbal approval to proceed with contracts.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2016-03**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution #2016-03

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMIOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVAL TO GO TO BID ON MANAGERS VEHICLE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to take bids for a ¾ Ton Quad Cab.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Ormsbee thanked the guys for their good work.

Commissioner Gagnon thanked the crews for all they do and thanked Dave Deatrck for his years of service.

Chairman Timmer thanked Project Manager Deatrck for a job well done.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board