

**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 September 22, 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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$124,694.59 and Vouchers in the amount of \$338,697.82 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2016.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman McConkey

- Working on 20 Mile Road.
- Gravel road maintenance.
- Prepping trucks for winter.

Foreman Erickson

- The 5 Mile culvert job is complete.
- Moved back to the Lockhart Rd. fill job.
- 12 Mile Road will be next.
- Grader is out on the gravel roads.

Foreman Goodman

- Brush Hog is out along the Curly Lewis Hwy.
- Installed three culverts along M-123 in Paradise for the State.
- Working on the shoulders along M-123 in the Trout Lake area. Permits were received for N. Hulbert Rd. going to be working on the culverts today.
- General Maintenance, dealing with wash outs and Beaver dams.

Office Manager Decker

- Underbody blades have been ordered.
- Continuing to work with 44 North on the Insurance change.
- Due to the need to start funding the Removal Bridge Program & the Wetland Mitigation Bank the State MTF payment will be short by 5% for the next two months.
- Would like to schedule a special meeting to discuss our Deferred Comp program. Meeting set for Thursday the 29<sup>th</sup>, time is pending.

Dave Deatrck

- Working with Project Manager Jere on closing out the Gogomain and Townline Road jobs.
- Worked on putting together paving package.

Project Manager Jere

- Worked on closing out the Gogomain and Townline Road projects.
- Working on design plans for an upcoming project on Lakeshore Dr. from M-123 to Salt Point Rd.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Much better couple of weeks. No new breakdowns.
- Almost done going through the winter trucks.

Commissioner Ormsbee asked about the implementation of the green lights. Chief Mechanic Marsh answered that the globes have been ordered. A couple different types of lights were being considered. The decision was made to go with the all green LED fixture. The changeover will come over the next few months.

Union President Hopper

- Likes seeing the Face Book posts.

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Manager Laitinen reported on the Little Rapids Project. A change in the asphalt mix has been approved. This is the same mix used on the Mackinac Bridge. The mix will cost a bit more now but will save on ongoing maintenance and time to install. The deck pour is scheduled for next week.
- Final Engineering has been received for the 12 Mile Box Culvert. The ok has been given for production.
- The local paving bid package went out.
- Our MDOT Winter Operations will begin on November 6, 2016.
- Working with MDOT on Maintenance Budget.
- Attended the State Maintenance Contract Negotiating meeting in Boyne City. The new 5 year contract has been approved.
- Moving forward with the green light change out.
- It's been a very very busy season and the crew has shown great workmanship and has accomplished a great amount of work.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE**

#### **CITY MANAGER OLIVER TURNER - BOX STORE PROPERTY TAX DISCUSSION**

City Manager Turner was present to discuss the Dark Store issue and its effect on the different agencies in Chippewa County. At the root of the dark store issue is a sharp disagreement over the most appropriate and fair method for determining the true cash value for taxation of first-generation Big-Box stores. Legislation is pending to correct the issue. Manager Turner is asking for a Resolution or Letter of Support and 1.6% of the cost to help litigate the change. Discussion ensued.

#### **PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL - NORTHWOOD SIDOCK SURVEYING**

Manager Laitinen explained that the purpose of a preliminary plat is to give a first glance look at the developer's intent for land development. Manager Laitinen said he has reviewed and has no issue with the proposed plat. Mr. Carr would like a Letter of Approval to move forward.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the preliminary plat.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF BRUCE TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT**

Manager Laitinen read the contract to the Board and discussed the scope of work to be done.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Bruce Township Road Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF KINROSS TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT**

Manager Laitinen read the contract to the Board and discussed the scope of work to be done.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Kinross Township Road Agreement.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF EXTENSION WITH THE US FORREST SERVICE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MANAGER LAITINEN TO SIGN.**

Manager Laitinen explained that this is a simple extension of the current contract. The long term contract is being negotiated and should be completed soon. The new contract will replace the extension.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the extension with the US Forrest Service and authorization for Manager Laitinen to sign.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-15 BLALOCK ROAD**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-15.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-16 DARRINS WAY**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2016-16.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-17 SHORT CUT ROAD**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-17.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-18 MDOT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2016-18.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**AWARD OF PAVING BID**

Manager Laitinen went over the paving package that was sent out for bid. Only one bid was received, Payne & Dolan.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the HMA paving package to Payne & Dolan.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked if John Patrick Dr. was included in the paving package. Manager Laitinen replied yes. Supervisor Moore asked when Manager Laitinen would like the list of next year's roads to be paved. Manager Laitinen replied April or May.

Union President Hopper mentioned that the radius is tight on the base side of Short Cut Rd.

Office Manager Decker mentioned that the paving bills go out to the Townships for 50% of the cost prior to starting the project.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gagnon asked about the County Road map for the Board Room wall.

Chairman Timmer mentioned that he attended the CRA meeting in Boyne Falls. Discussion was held regarding invasive species in the ROW and how to control them. Chairman Timmer asked the Foreman to identify locations of concern. Funding may be available and should be looked into.

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff for their hard work and reminded them to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board