

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 June 1, 2017.

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 Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Project Manager Jere

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$125,340.65 and Vouchers in the amount of \$57,617.30 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 May 18, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Gravel Crushing Bid Award

Supt/Mgr. Laitinen went over the pit locations and quantities. There were two bids received and Brow Crushing was low across the board. Discussion Ensued. It is Manager Laitinen's recommendation that we accept the bid from Brow Crushing. Commissioner Ormsbee inquired about the sharp increase in prices since fuel prices are similar to a year ago. Discussion ensued regarding price factors and locations.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the bid to Brow Crushing.

MOTION CARRIED

Sign Truck Body Bid Award

Supt/Mgr. Laitinen went over the two bids comparing each line item. The main difference in the bids is the type of painting process to be used. Discussion Ensued. Considering Truck and Trailers closer location for periodic build inspections, preferred paint process and shorter completion timeline, it is Manager Laitinen's recommendation that we award the bid to Truck and Trailer.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award the bid to Truck and Trailer.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2016-26 Abandonment of a portion of West Bisnett ROW.

With the acceptance of Short Cut Road in Kinross it was necessary to abandon/remove the old right-of-way from the certification map.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to Approve Resolution #2016-26.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Jerry Collins of 4687 Nicolet Rd was present to address the Board. He is concerned with drainage in the area and requested that it be inspected between 4 Mile and 5 Mile Rd's. Manager Laitinen assured Mr. Collins that the ditches would be looked at for any necessary improvements.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Finished ditching on Shunk Road. Replaced a couple bad culverts, seeding and mulching today.
- Whiteside Rd. slope and shoulder repair.
- Guardrail work for the State.
- Shoulder work on seasonal roads.

Foreman Goodman

- Dragging and patching roads between rains.
- Working with the DEQ on a pipe change on Dryberg Rd.
- Replaced culvert on North Rd.
- Hulbert Rd. pipe changes. About a half a mile more to go.
- Had meeting with Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis on future Township Road work.

Chairman Timmer asked if Whitefish Township was considering any improvement projects. Manager Laitinen mentioned that he has had conversations with the Township Supervisor and he is working with his Board to sort out their priorities.

Foreman McConkey

- Brush Hog clearing and clean up.
- State Road tree removal.
- Snavel and gravel maintenance on 23 Mile Road.
- Dragging gravel roads.
- Mechanic busy.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Working on DEQ permits for culvert changes on Sugar Island.
- Received rental survey equipment. Learning the new software and equipment. Came across programming issues that had to be resolved.
- Will be going to bid for new survey equipment soon.

Office Manager Decker

- Financials are out for April.
- Attended the Finance and Human Resource Conference last week. They had two speakers on workplace violence. Upon return he learned that the local Police Department has a person dedicated to inspecting workplaces and training staff. Safety Director Jere will try to make contact to setup future training for the office staff.
- New pickup trucks delivered.

Engineer Krouth

- Paving that was not completed last fall resumed this week.
- The Riverside Dr. project will be starting in July 2017.
- On 6-10-17 the Little Rapids Committee will hold a Community Celebration honoring the restoration of the rapids. Several exhibits, presentations and a fish boil will take place at Rotary Park.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Getting the new pick-ups ready for the Foreman.
- Continuing to go through the construction machinery.
- Finding rust on the older trucks. Cutting out and repairing.
- All is going well.

Union President Hopper

- Mentioned that he liked the idea of a full-time yardman.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Attended the Wake for Retiree Royce Rader. Mr. Rader worked out of the Pickford Garage and retired in 2001. He was very well liked by his co-workers and the community. Godspeed Royce.
- Have been working on some Township Road Agreements. Looks like we should have a decent sized paving package this season.
- Preparing to revisit the 12 Mile Box Culvert project. Working with American Transmission to coordinate power shut downs.
- The new excavator has been ordered, delivery in about three weeks.
- Two National Guardsmen volunteered to walk 22 miles a day, from Iron Mountain Mi. to Sault Ste. Marie Mi. to bring awareness to Veteran Mental Health and PTS. On average 22 Veterans commit suicide a day. They passed by the Road Commission office and we had the opportunity to greet them and thank them for their efforts and service.
- Final documents have been sent out for the Wetland Banking Program. Special meeting will be held soon to complete the program guidelines and a call for projects will follow. MDOT will be providing the administrative staff for the program.
- Meetings with the Developer of the property next to the Best Western Hotel are ongoing. He is proposing to build a road behind the businesses that would empty onto Mackinac Trail and a driveway exiting onto the Business Spur at the Cascade Mall stop light. MDOT is not onboard with the plan.
- Over the weekend there was a Motorcycle accident on Whitefish Point Road. Manager Laitinen along with Commissioner Ormsbee drove to Paradise to check that the road was clear and well marked. Everything checked out fine and there was no damage to the road.
- Taking applications for summer laborers until Friday June 2nd. Interviews will follow the week of the 5th.
- Lake Superior State University is having a surplus sale on Friday June 2nd at 1:00 PM. Several interesting items.
- Manager Laitinen thanked employee Stephanie Ranta for the building beautification (flower planting and tending) she has done and continues to do around the building.

OLD BUSINESS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Foreman Goodman mentioned that the Screen Plant in Kinross was inspected by MSHA and we were citation free!

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that their paving is complete. The Dukes Lake kids fishing day is this Saturday.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer reminded to the staff to stay safe so we can come back and do it again.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman