

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 December 13, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Ranta and Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Foreman McConkey, Project Manager Jere, and Surveyor Wiggins.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$170,521.37 and Vouchers in the amount of \$896,976.94 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 regular meeting minutes held on November 29, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS- No Comment

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Working on winter maintenance.
- Dealing with freezing and drizzle. Using sand.
- Transferred ice-sand to Sugar Island
- Working on equipment and truck maintenance.

Foreman Goodman

- Working on winter maintenance.
- Nice to have a full crew back from deer season
- Winter sand haul is getting completed.
- Brush hog is out in the Brimley and Eckerman areas.

Brian Decker

- Working on budget items.
- Cleaning up the A/P.
- MTF snow funds arrived and we are also expecting State maintenance for November to arrive shortly.
- Training Bobbie on Human Resource items and the computer. She will be meeting with 44N soon.

- Concentrating on year end and setting up a time for our budget hearing. This year, the year end date meeting looks like it could be set for Thursday, December 27, 2018.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is busy. Catching up.
- Last new truck will be picked up today or tomorrow from Truck and Trailer Specialties.
- Working on a cracked fuel line.
- No major issues in the last 3-4 weeks.
- Chairman Timmer asked what the crew thought of the new Kenworth trucks. Frank reported the crew felt that the inside of the cabs were smaller, but had good visibility, excellent power, and a very quiet engine.

Union President Mills

- No report.

MANAGERS REPORTS

- Appreciated the time off for vacation.
- Chippewa County Road Commission is in negotiations with the contractor for repairs on Bay Rd. Confident that the contractor will fix Bay Rd.
- Keeping up-dated on Senate Bill 396, the logging bill. The bill was tabled while recently in Lansing. Keeping informed as to its status. Discussion ensued.
- Starting on cost estimates for next year's road projects.
- Interviewed two candidates for the engineering position. Will have one more interview tomorrow. The new firm Stang, which was hired to help with the interview process, is working very well.
- Will be placing an ad for a mechanic in the Pickford garage with Stang.
- Attended and spoke at an emergency response seminar at the CRA meeting in Mt. Pleasant.
- Attended a CRA MERS unfunded liability meeting and was given information showing a comparison with MERS and their peers. MERS showed over thirteen percent return rate for 2017, which does not match with the statements that our road commission receives.
- Next Tuesday, December 18, 2018, there is a full RTF meeting at 10:00am here at our office. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- Working on scheduling our Small Urban meeting in early January.
- Meeting with Regional Planning today to try to get set up to access the county GIS system. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

- Budget Hearing Date
 - Date for public hearing regarding the 2019 budget per the General Appropriations Act will be December 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- Adoption of Industrial Park Road
The Commission reviewed a resolution regarding the adoption of Industrial Park Road. Manager Laitinen said there are funds from CAT F and Small Urban programs which would be available to this road. Another conveyance is still needed. Manager Laitinen recommended the adoption of Industrial Park Road into the Chippewa County Road System.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to adopt Resolution 2018-09 approving the adoption of Industrial Park Drive into the Chippewa County Road System.

MOTION APPROVED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Chief Mechanic March mentioned that our summer intern, Zach Sebastian, did a project on the Chippewa County Road Commission and shared a power point outlining his experiences with the Road Commission.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer reminded everyone to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

Stephanie A. Ranta
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman