

**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 6, 2020.

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Mills, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

**ABSENT:** Engineer VanDorn

**GUEST PRESENT:** Brad Flood (resident), Steven Brecheisen (Kenworth Representative), Scott Lemke (Peterbilt Representative)

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$194,998.88 and Vouchers in the amount of \$346,248.08 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 the special Payroll in the amount of \$33,541.29 for retiree payout 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 January 23, 2020 and place them on file:

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Brad Flood questioned the policy/practice of plowing the center line, citing what he felt was potentially dangerous and life threatening conditions. Discussion ensued. All foremen have been asked to remind the drivers to be aware of on-coming traffic when plowing the heavy, wet slush.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Engineer VanDorn

- No report.

Superintendent Erickson

- Dealing with icy, snow-packed, rutted roads.

- Graders and trucks out trying to break up the ice.

Foreman Goodman

- The strange, warm winter is making for snow-packed roads.
- The crew has been out scraping the hard-pack from Rudyard to Trout Lake.
- Still cutting trees.

Foreman Rye

- Water is pooling in the shoulders and causing trouble.
- Still cutting trees on 14 Mile Road.
- Thank you to everyone on the crew covering absences.

Office Manager Decker

- Phil Wolf from Anderson Tackman will be onsite to start our year end audit 2/27/2020 - 2/29/2020.
- The electrician was in the Sault Garage. He put a new breaker in and we can now run the office and garage. We will not need to purchase one for the office.

Clerk Christensen

- Met Mike Schultz from MCRCSIP and did a walk-through the Pickford, Rudyard, and Sault garages.

Union President Mills

- Everything is good.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is busy.
- We are transferring everything into the new shop truck.
- The adjuster has looked at the backhoe that was in the accident on Six Mile and has determined it totaled. We will use it for parts on the old backhoe from Sugar Island to bring it back on-line.
- Working to get the pick-up truck specs ready so we can get the request for bids out.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Attended the Annual Road Builders conference in Marquette. The conference went well. Dick has been re-elected to the CRA Board and appointed president this year.
- Working on the pick-up truck bids and an employee issue.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. MDOT Contract - Ranger Road:

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to sign Resolution 2020-02, MDOT Contract #19562 for Ranger Road.

**MOTION CARRIED by Unanimous Roll Call**

B. Award Truck Bids:

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award Peterbilt the truck bid for five (5) trucks (four single axle and one tandem axle).

Thank you to the vendors for the quick turn around on the bids.  
Discussion ensued

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**County Commissioners Comments**

Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

UP Road Builders conference was another great conference this year.

Stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman