

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 14, 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 Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to amend the Agenda to include the scheduling of the year end Budget Meeting/Public Hearing

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$144,630.16 and Vouchers in the amount of \$517,157.82 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 November 30, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Thanked the staff for doing a great job.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Busy with Winter Maintenance
- Tree removal after big wind storm.

Foreman Goodman

- Busy with Winter Maintenance
- Gravel roads came around and froze well.
- Tremblay Rd in Rudyard washed out and needed repair.
- All work on M-123 at Black Creek has stopped.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Gravel and Ice/Sand Inventories.
- DEQ Permits.

Office Manager Decker

- Year end inventories.
- November financials are done.
- Working on Budget for 2018.

Project Manager Jere

- Permit Review.
- Project paperwork.

Engineer Krouth

- The Grant for Curly Lewis Hwy was awarded in the amount of \$500,000.
- Finalizing 2017 projects.
- Baker Side Rd and Lakeshore Dr. project work.

Foreman McConkey

- Winter Maintenance
- Truck down and spare in use. Chief Mechanic Marsh was able to repair and get back on the road.
- The screened gravel from the Stoney Mountain pit is a good product.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- General truck maintenance.
- New mechanic started and is doing well.

Union President Hopper - No Report

Managers Report

- Michigan Wetland Board has hired a Manager and the program is up and running. Application forms and Website content have been approved.
- Watching State Legislation changes regarding insurance/pension funding. Discussion ensued.
- Specifications for the new trucks are complete and we are ready to move forward.
- County night operations have started and all the Winter temps are in place.
- MDOT'S Black Creek project on M-123 is done for the season.
- RTF Meeting next week to adjust project values.
- Applied for appointment to the Superior Region Bridge Council. Letter received indicating another individual was selected.

New Business

Used Mower Bid Award.

Manager Laitinen reviewed the one bid received.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to follow the Managers recommendation to purchase the 7840 Ford Tractor with the 20' boom mower attachment.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval and Signatures for the Lakeshore Dr. Project Title Sheet.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Lakeshore Dr Title Sheet.

MOTION CARRIED

Approval and Signatures for the Baker Side Rd Project Title Sheet.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Baker Side Rd. Title Sheet.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution #2017-06 Standardized Permitting.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution #2017-06. Establishing Statewide Standardized Permits and adopting standard permit fees.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Approval Resolution 2017-07 Honoring Retiree Michael Scott Marchetti

After years of dedicated service, employee M. Scott Marchettei has retired. Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board. He added that Mr. Marchetti always went above and beyond to maintain safe roadways for the traveling public.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #2017-07.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Approval Resolution 2017-08 Honoring Retiree Russell Tyner

After many years of dedicated service, employee Russell Tyner has retired. Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board. He added that Mr. Tyner always went above and beyond for his community and his co-workers.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #2017-08.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

The Public Hearing has been scheduled for Friday December 22nd at 10:00 A.M.

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore gave a review of upcoming events this Winter and Spring in Kinross Township. Supervisor Moore mentioned that with the increased traffic at the Gains Hwy/Shortcut Rd. intersection that a stop light may be necessary. Merry Christmas wishes were given to the Board and Staff.

Union President Hopper asked about the Pension funding shortfall. Manager Decker explained to him how the situation developed.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon noted that the Roads in Chippewa County are in great shape.

Chairman Timmer mentioned that The Intermediate School District is looking to expand their WiFi connectivity for students and that our Garage sites may be an option for their towers.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman