

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 March 21, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, and Surveyor Wiggins.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$194,843.08 and Vouchers in the amount of \$282,040.63 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 on March 7, 2019.

Commissioner Ormsbee noted the following corrections:

1. On page 3 in regards to the Sugar Island Backhoe, that the phrase, "Not to exceed the MiDeal price" needs to be added.
2. On page 4, regarding the GMC Terrain, the word "minimal" should be changed to "minimum" in regards to the Kelly Blue Book price.

Chairman Timmer added that he would like to have the phrase "over the Tahquamenon River at the mouth" added to reflect the potential bridge location.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore wanted to thank Foreman Goodman for his fast response to all the problems and water issues in Kinross.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- The crew has been busy digging ditches with the excavators, grading the roads, and cutting back the snow banks.
- Had a little bit of snowfall to take care of this week.
- Went to the 2019 Highway Conference and Road Show in Lansing last week with Foreman Goodman and Chief Mechanic Marsh. It was a good show. Very enjoyable. Thank you for the opportunity to go there.
- Spring is here, hopefully.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Office Manager Decker

- Audits are completed. Received the preliminary report yesterday.
- We have seven laptops running now with the payroll system and close to twenty people actively using them.
- Getting financials finalized for the month of February.

Chairman Timmer interjected a concern in regards to the MDOT audit that was discussed in Lansing. Discussion ensued.

- MERS end of year report shows that the Road Commission lost close to \$850,000 this past year.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Went to the 2019 Highway Conference and Road Show with Foreman Goodman and Foreman McConkey. It was very worthwhile. He appreciated the opportunity to attend.
- After discussion, it was decided not to sell Manager Laitinen's former vehicle, the GMC Terrain, but to keep it and use it as a back-up vehicle for the parts person. The parts vehicle currently has over 100,000 miles on it.
- The rental backhoe on Sugar Island is doing well.
- There was a need to rent a second backhoe. Fabick Cat in Marquette was able to rent us a CAT420 to use.
- The shop is busy. Working on the JCB Sugar Island backhoe.
- Busy summer forecasted.
- Graders are running every day. Having problems getting parts for the CASE grader which is only four years old. Discussion ensued.

MANAGER'S REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

- Chairman Timmer noted a concern for the condition of Lakeshore Drive. Payne and Dolan are responsible for the maintenance on this road during the winter construction zone. He would like them to be contacted and work done on the road to prevent future issues. Chairman Timmer also suggested that signage be put in place to notify drivers of rough road. Discussion ensued.
- Resolution 2019-03 Marijuana Use or Possession on County Property

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to pass Resolution 2019-03 in Support for adopting the Resolution 2019-03 Marijuana Use or Possession on County Property as well as adding it as a Board Policy.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

- Met with the EUPTA yesterday. The EUPTA was excited about the money they were saving with their newly contracted fuel company. Chairman Timmer would like to receive more information about this cost savings and who the fuel distributor is that they are using. Fuel and Oil bids for the Road Commission will go out in April 2019.
- Commissioner Ormsbee questioned an accounts payable check. The check in question was for ferry charges for the whole year of 2018.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Chairman Timmer concluded by encouraging everyone to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 A.M.

Stephanie A Ranta
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman