

**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 April 19, 2018.

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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Engineer Krouth, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Office Manager Decker, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$187,323.46 and Vouchers in the amount of \$424,305.71 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the Regular meeting minutes and the Special Meeting Minutes held on April 5, 2018

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Erickson

- Back to back snowstorms and winter maintenance.
- Steaming Culverts and opening ditches.

Foreman Goodman

- Ditto, back to plowing operations.

Foreman McConkey

- Ditto, Ditto, crazy spring weather.
- Rocky Point Road Project brush clearing.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended Paser Training. It is now mandatory that primary gravel roads be rated. We have about 20 miles of primary gravel roads in the County.
- Bridge Funding Applications and Resolutions.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop has been busy.
- Lowboy and dump trailer maintenance.
- Working on equipment bids.
- General Maintenance.

Union President Hopper

- All is well.
- Nights ending soon.

### **Managers Report**

- Thanked the staff for the excellent response to the recent snowstorms
- MDOT has established a paint striping pilot program where local agencies can piggyback on MDOT's contract. Discussion ensued on the type of material used for striping. A total of 152.8 miles is being considered for a cost of \$120,000.00
- Continued project work.
- The new trucks that were ordered are on the way.
- The City of Sault Ste Marie purchased the used sign truck for \$20,000.
- One of the two patch trailers ordered is on the way. The second will be later this summer.
- Gravel crushing bid is being prepared.
- Participated in a phone conference with MDOT and Kinross EDC on the acceptance of the Industrial Park Drive to the County Road System.
- Met with the U.P. Distributors at the U.P. Road Builders site in Bay Mills. The Conference is being held June 6-7, 2018.
- Received invite from Northern Sand and Gravel to attend a concrete fiber seminar at Lake State University on April 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Attended at Wetland Banking meeting. Nine projects were chosen for a total of Three Million dollars. A map has been developed by the Wetland Bank Manager of the available bank sites.
- Manager Laitinen reported that Survey information from the Bridge Conference indicated that his presentation was very well received.
- State Nights will end this Saturday.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Authorization for Chairman Timmer to sign Annual Financial Report.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the Annual Financial Report.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Award of Disk Mower Bid.

Manager Laitinen reviewed the two bids received. Discussion ensued on the specifications of each mower. Manager Laitinen recommends awarding the bid to Skinners for the quoted price of \$17,595.00.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to awarding the bid to Skinners for the quoted price of \$17,595.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Award of Truck Financing Bid.

Manager Laitinen reviewed the two bids received from Central Savings and Old Mission Bank. Manager Laitinen recommends awarding the bid to Old Mission Bank since they offered the lowest interest rate at 3.31%.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to awarding the bid to Old Mission Bank for the quoted interest rate of 3.31%.

**MOTION CARRIED**

MDOT Lakeshore Drive Project

Authorization for Chairman Timmer to sign the Lakeshore Drive Contract and approval of Resolution #18-05

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to Authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the Lakeshore Drive Contract and approval of Resolution #18-005.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

Approval of Bridge Funding Resolutions

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #18-001 supporting funding for the Mackinac Trail Bridge over the Chub Creek.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #18-002 supporting funding for the Old Mackinac Trail Bridge over the Pine River.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #18-003 supporting funding for the Gogomain Road Bridge over the Munuscong River.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution #18-004 supporting funding for the Gogomain Road Bridge over the E. Branch Munuscong River.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

Discussion of 2018 Supplemental Appropriation.

Manager Laitinen discussed the 175 Million budget surplus that the state distributed to transportation for construction purposes. This amounts to \$475,000 for Chippewa County. Bruce Township has proposed matching this amount with \$150,000 of township funds to resurface 15 Mile from M-129 to the St. Mary's River.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to support development of this project and proceed to bid letting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Case Loader Purchase

Each winter season a loader is rented by MDOT for use in the Sate salt barn. At the end on the rental period the 2017 Case Wheel Loader is available for purchase through the MiDeal state purchasing site.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the purchase of the 2017 Case Wheel Loader for \$204,000.00

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bruce Township Supervisor Carl Marsh reported that the Township is putting up a baseball/softball field complex at the Township hall site.

Manager Laitinen mentioned that a request was received by Carol's Corral Foundation for a donation of sand for the upcoming rodeo.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Timmer reported that he attended the Commissioners Seminar. Items of discussion included return to work and grievance policies.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

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Amy L Price  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman