

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 June 14, 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, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere Foreman Erickson, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Surveyor Wiggins

Manager Laitinen noted that Foremen McConkey and Foreman Goodman are attending the John Deere Government Factory Tour.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$138,264.96 and Vouchers in the amount of \$338,764.78 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Ormsbee to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on May 31, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked when the Kincheloe projects will begin. Engineer Krouth noted that the project will start next week. Supervisor Moore mentioned that the Township has identified four streets that they would like to add to this year's paving package.

Resident Dave Cryderman from 8 Mile Rd was present to request assistance with drainage and ditching. Manager Laitinen indicated that a culvert change is scheduled for 8 Mile at M-129 and that should help drainage. Ditching could be done while the equipment is on site.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Crew is very busy.
- Payne & Dolan paved 4 Mile from Ridge to Riverside, looks good.
- Shoulder work for the State along M-129.
- Brush Hog is in use on Sugar Island, project prep.
- Seppi Road and Northshore Road on Sugar Island have both been prepped for new 96" culverts.

Union President Mills - No Report

Office Manager Decker

- Getting caught up.
- IT/Computer work.

Project Manager Jere

- Fall paving on Sugar Island is done, turned out well.
- Kinross & Drummond Island projects are being prepped for start up next week.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Road Builders Conference
- MDOT Flap Grant for Curly Lewis Hwy.
- Pre-Construction meetings will be held next week for both the Lakeshore Dr. and Baker projects.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Grass cutting equipment maintenance.
- New 10' mower was delivered.
- Working on dump boxes for the new trucks
- Staying busy.

Managers Report

- Intern Nick Lacrosse has been a great help to the Engineering/Project team.
- Our Fiscal 2019 Transportation budget looks good. All previous funding stayed in place/no changes. In addition to the funding in place a budget surplus was identified and allocated to transportation. Discussion ensued.
- Attended the U.P. Road Builders Conference. The event was held at a new venue, Bay Mills Casino. Attendance was down but feedback from the event is very positive. Good Agenda.
- Prepared spec's and bids for a Road Widener and Concrete Box Culverts.
- Two eight foot culvert pipes are being placed on Sugar Island. We are using a new product, a metal tube with a protective coating that has a stated lifespan of 100 years. This is the last item we were required to complete based on our agreement with the DEQ.
- Met with the Sales Rep for Verizon Network Fleet. Verizon offers a fleet management/tracking GPS program that is effective and affordable. It can provide equipment diagnostics, tracking and roadside assistance. Doing additional research and checking references on the program. MDOT may soon mandate installation of this type of equipment on our State Maintenance Vehicles.
- The 10,000 yards of gravel crushing on Neebish Island is just about complete.

- Attended the Bay Mills Township Board meeting to discuss the Townships required portion of funding for the Lakeshore Drive project. Will be attending the Superior Township Board meeting on the 25th of June regarding the same project.
- Many inquiries have been received regarding our used trucks. Discussion ensued on the best way to proceed with the sale of the used equipment. Commissioner Ormsbee noted that we should have them appraised for fair market value and assign a minimum amount for each truck.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to Have the equipment appraised for fair market value and assign a minimum amount for each truck and to open bids to both Governmental and private buyers.

MOTION CARRIED

Box Culvert Bid

Manager Laitinen reviewed the one bid received for two (2) precast concrete box culverts. The first is a 16'X6'X40' precast concrete culvert with associated wing walls and is to be installed at Sweiger Creek. The second is 6'X6'X48' precast concrete culvert with associated wing walls and is to be installed at Bear Creek. The prices quoted were; Sweiger Creek \$117,716 and Bear Creek \$39,478.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the bid to U. P. Concrete Pipe Co.

MOTION CARRIED

Road Widener Bid

A request for bids was sent to three Vendors for a used self-propelled road widener machine. We received one bid from Fabick Cat for a 1989 Blaw-Knox RW195C road widener with 6560 hours on it for \$23,500.00

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to accept the bid from Fabick Cat for a 1989 Blaw-Knox RW195C road widener with 6560 hours on it for \$23,500.00.

MOTION CARRIED

Engineering Reimbursement

Our contract with MDOT allows for a yearly reimbursement of \$10,000.00 for Engineering services. This form requires signatures from all Board Members.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to authorize Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee and Commissioner Gagnon to sign on behalf of the Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Section 115 Trust

Manager Decker explained that this would be the second installment into our Section 115 Trust account. Authorization is needed to make the \$300,000.00 wire transfer to Morgan Stanley. This will bring the Trust balance to \$800,000.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Chairman Timmer to approve the \$300,000.00 wire transfer to Morgan Stanley on behalf of the Road Commission.

MOTION CARRIED

Employee Discussion - moved to the end of the Agenda.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore thanked the Sign Crew (Larry & Gerry) for doing a great job! Supervisor Moore mentioned that he has a few more signs to order that will need installed.

Foreman Erickson mentioned that the AMZ crew is out and doing a great job. Discussion ensued regarding the use of the AMZ and the Crack Sealing equipment.

Employee Discussion

Manager Laitinen stated that this is regarding a Medical Issue with Clerk Price and offered to move into closed session. Clerk Price waived the need for closed session.

Manager Laitinen explained that Clerk Price intends to apply for a MERS Medical Disability Retirement. The qualification for MERS Medical Disability is not in question. Based on past practice and with Board approval, employees that meet the guidelines for a Medical Disability Retirement have been afforded their paid healthcare benefits as if they had reached full retirement age. Clerk Price is requesting the same.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Clerk Price to move forward with a MERS Medical Disability Retirement and be afforded Medical Benefits as if full Retirement age had been reached.

MOTION CARRIED

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer reminded all to stay safe.

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

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman