

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 July 31, 2014.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, LaJoie and Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Engineer Askwith Chief Mechanic Avery, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Clerk McDowell, Project Mgr. Deatrck.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie that the Payroll in the amount of \$117,228.65 and Vouchers in the amount of \$92,727.82 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 17, 2104 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Brushhog & AMZ work in the Rudyard and Kinross Areas
- Work on pipes on M-123 going well, should be done this week.
- Regular summer maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Roads have been graded and brined
- Doing brushhog work in the area
- Various Ditch projects
- Hanna Road construction started this week.

Engineer Askwith

- Contracts have been signed; bonds received and notice to proceed has been sent for the Salt Barn. Materials are arriving on the site and we hope to start pouring footings next week.
- Had a meeting with the Utility Companies regarding Little Rapids project. Will be working with them to maintain service to Island. Discussion ensued.

- We were supplied the draft for the request for proposals. We will be reviewing and getting that out soon.

Office Manager Decker

- Gathering information for equipment purchases.
- Financials through June are complete.

Chief Mechanic Avery

- Busy maintaining equipment throughout the County.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Sugar Island: Whitehead Road fill job looking good and near complete. Paving has begun on 1.5 Mile Road, 3 Mile is next.
- Attended the Joint Insurance Pool Meeting in Mt. Pleasant. Discussion ensued on the Workers Comp presentation and Business meeting. Reported that there will be no CRASIF refunds but we will still receive a refund from MCRCSIP.
- Notified the Board that Chippewa County received Honors for low claims, we are ranked #3 in our payroll classification.
- Manager Laitinen reported that he is very pleased with the brushhog work that was done on Kalio Road and what a difference it made at that location.
- Reported that our pressure washer at the Eckerman location had seized up and was in need of replacement. It was decided to replace it with a full steam unit that can be used for steaming culverts and for general garage use. The purchase will be made through Michigan Steam with a cost of approximately \$9,000.00.
- A trailer will need to be assembled or purchased to mount the steam system to. We will recycle used 275 gallon paint totes for water tanks.
- An inquiry was sent to local Auto Dealers asking what they had for used Pick-Up's. We made one purchase from O'Connor's of a 2006 Ford F-350 for just over \$14K. Initially the thought was to purchase a few used trucks but we have decided to hold off on any other used trucks and to consider new Foreman's Trucks later this fall.
- Continuing work on the DEQ agreement.
- Still gathering information for the fall paving package. It will be light this year about 10K to 12K tons.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Commissioner Timmer commented that the work done at Plantation Road looked great. A Big Improvement.
- Union President Hopper commented that perhaps an old single axle dump could be used for a steamer unit instead of a trailer.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ormsbee wanted to comment how well organized our construction and work sites are compared to other projects in the area.
- Commissioner LaJoie mentioned that Mackinac Trail seemed to be holding up well to the detour traffic but time will tell what the impact will be.
- Commissioner Timmer commended the staff on their excellent safety rating. Keep up the great job!

Manager Laitinen reported that MDOT Planning is having a difficult time reconciling the returned money and the overages for this years projects. Notices may be sent indicating that we did not spend our Federal Aid dollars. These notices have been published prematurely and are incorrect. MDOT is trying to correct the errors.

Office Manager Decker added that he is getting a quote to update the lighting for the main office. More information will be available at the next meeting. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman