

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on December 15, 2016.

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, Clerk Price.

ABSENT: Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper. All absent staff members are on duty due to snow storm.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$149,891.51 and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,508,812.95 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 December 1, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

NEW BUSINESS

Sugar Island Township Clerk Linda Garlitz requested that the 55 MPH speed limit sign on the causeway be moved or completely removed. They would like to see other signage such as: "Slow Children at Play", "Pedestrian Crossing" or "Bridge Ices before Road" something to slow down the traffic.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Working on Year End and Budgets
- Would like to hold the yearly Budget hearing on Dec 29th after the regular meeting.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to set the Public Budget Hearing for December 29, 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding budgeting and estimated revenues.

Engineer Krouth

- Working on the 2019 FLAP Grant application.
- Guardrail on Teets Road is complete.
- Upcoming project work.

Chairman Timmer mentioned he would like a list of the upcoming projects for reference. Office Manager Decker replied that all of that information will be included in the budget.

Managers Report

- Manager Laitinen commented that the Road Commission FaceBook Page has been a very effective way to communicate to the Public.
- Waiting to hear on the Wetland Mitigation Board appointments.
- Working with John Gustafson with the DEQ to obtain permits for the upcoming project season.
- The site visit from DEQ's Mitch Koetje went very well.
- Next year's projects should be in the May or June bid letting.
- Working on Township Road projects for next year.
- Commissioner appointments will be January 2, 2107 at noon.

OLD BUSINESS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS None

APPROVAL OF FORREST SERVICE MASTER AGREEMENT & CHAIRMAN TIMMER TO SIGN

Manager Laitinen reviewed the Forrest Service agreement with the Board. This five year agreement outlines who will maintain which roads.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Forrest Service Master Agreement & for Chairman Timmer to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2016-24 DISSOLUTION OF MERS 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board. This is a requirement of MERS.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to Approve Resolution #2016-24.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kinross Township Supervisor James Moore asked if there had been any contact with Sault Tribe's Wendy Hoffman. Manager Laitinen indicated he has had no follow-up from her.

Supt/Mgr Laitinen mention that a State Trooper was making disparaging comments about our staff during a blinding snow storm. He is requesting the recording and plans on filing a formal complaint with their department.

HEALTH CARE DISCUSSION

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to enter into closed secession.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to End the closed secession.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

No decisions were made during the closed meeting session.

MOTION by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon for the Chippewa County Road Commission to be proactive in reducing the cost of healthcare for the organization and its members.

MOTION CARRIED

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board