

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 November 3, 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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Foreman McConkey, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$129,871.48 and Vouchers in the amount of \$166,157.51 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 October 20, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that the Township wants to improve Forrest Lodge Dr. next year with the Tribal Improvement funds. He also mentioned that there was a request for service from a resident on Lockhart Rd. Manager Laitinen informed Supervisor Moore that the requested work is scheduled to be done next season.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Snow Staking.
- Putting up Winter Salt Sand.
- State Salt is on the way.
- Working on the Causeway Project temporary road tear down.
- S.I. crew working on the Pit Road.
- State Highway trucks are ready when the weather hits.

Foreman Goodman

- Dragging Roads.
- Snow staking.
- Putting up Winter Salt Sand.
- May have time for more ditching.

Office Manager Decker

- The Company delivering the State Salt has agreed to pay for the overtime needed to get the job done.
- The snow stakes have been ordered and are on the way.
- Notification letters were sent to all three Deferred Comp providers of our intent. Calls were received by two of the three asking for clarification. Discussion ensued
- Bank account is looking fine.
- Fuel contracts will be honored by the new owners.

Engineer Krouth

- It's very nice to be back.
- Catching up from absence.
- Attended RTF training.
- The Sugar Island Little Rapids Project temporary road is out and traffic is crossing the new bridge. The project is at about 98% completion. This year's work will be wrapping up very soon.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- The Sugar Island project keeping the shop busy.
- Salt and Sand trucks are ready.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen reported that he had attended the Straits Area Council meeting in Mackinac City. The meeting was very well attended. Chippewa County has been the host County for the 2016 year. Good information from CRA. They are watching the Act 51 repeal legislation very closely.
- Spoke about the Wetland Mitigation Bank at the Straits Council Meeting and received unanimous support for appointment to the

Board. Support letters have also been received by the Chippewa County EDC and U.P. Regional Planning, others are pending.

- The Little Rapids Project has wrapped up for the season. Final punch list items will be done in the Spring of 2017.
- Received last minute notice of documents needed for the DEQ settlement. All the required information has been gathered and will be submitted by the deadline.
- Wendy Hoffman with the Sault Tribe is looking for projects for next year's Tribal improvement plan. Working with Kinross Township Supervisor Moore to compile the requested information.
- Applications for temporary help have been reviewed for the 2016/2017 winter season. The hiring recommendations are.

Soo	Dave Bell
Brimley	Allan Kowalski
Rudyard	Anthony Mayer
Rudyard	James Tinker
Eckerman	Mark Beaudoin
Eckerman	Rudy Johnson

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the 2016/2017 seasonal hiring.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer presented information from CRA on Forest Road Funds and for training being offered. The training is on Michigan Right-of-Way Law and Road Funding. Manager Laitinen mentioned that he would like to send Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins and Stephanie Ranta. Chairman Timmer also presented information from MCRCSIP on the use of green lights during roadway maintenance.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE

APPROVAL OF 44NORTH RESOLUTION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TIMMER TO SIGN.

Office Manager Decker explained to the Board that this resolution was prepared by 44North and pertains to the (HRA) Health Reimbursement Account plan documents. They asked for Board action and signatures. Manager Laitinen then read the resolution to the Board.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the resolution prepared by 44North and authorize Chairman Timmer to sign.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Commission Ormsbee asked Manager Decker how many more run out insurance payments are remaining. Manager Decker answered that at this time we have an approximate credit of \$16,000.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee commented that everything looks good and stressed safety especially to our incoming winter temp's.

Manager Laitinen interjected that with safety in mind Project Manager Jere has expressed interest in becoming the Safety Officer. Duties for the new role will be fine tuned over the winter. Chairman Timmer mentioned that our Insurance Carrier or Mackinac Administrators may be able to provide materials for training. Discussion ensued

Chairman Timmer asked to have a schematic done of the 12 Mile Bridge site for long range planning.

Commissioner Gagnon asked if there has been any progress on the County map for the Conference Room wall. Manager Laitinen said he has found a new vendor for the map and is working on it.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:46 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board