

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 August 24, 2017.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Office Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson. The absent staff is on site at the 12 Mile Project.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$125,337.46 and Vouchers in the amount of \$424,960.86 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Goodman

- Prairie Road concrete culvert project is complete. The guys did a great job!
- Moved on to Hulbert Road.
- Culvert changes on 18 Mile Road.
- Garage and Equipment Maintenance
- Employee Hoornstra helping in the Soo mechanic shop.

Foreman McConkey

- Spring Bay Road is done.
- Pt. Au Frene gravel work.
- Patching and washouts.
- Mechanic very busy.

Office Manager Decker

- Working on July Financials.
- Researched local used truck inventory to replace the "Topaz".

Engineer Krouth

- Little Rapids Open Hose Celebration will be held today at 1:00 at Rotary Park. An informational sign will be placed on site listing all the Agencies involved.
- The 9 Mile Road Culvert project has been obligated. It will be in the November letting.

- Completed and submitted the Safety Grant application for Bridge Guard rail work.
- The 12 Mile Culvert project has had delays due to rain. Moving forward next week. Discussion ensued.
- The paving package has been sent out and bids are due back on August 30th at 1:00. A special meeting is set for August 31st at 2:00 to review and award the bid.
- Received an agreement from the Forest Service for work on East Lake Rd.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop has been staying very busy.
- The Soo roller needs repair. Discussion on milling pavement.
- Delivered lathe to Pickford.

Union President Hopper

- The Union would like to see more hiring done.
- Suggested packing sand around plastic culverts to prevent cracking.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and Signatures for the MERS Conference.

Authorization for Manager Laitinen and Equipment Operator Besteman to attend the MERS Annual Conference September 21st and 22nd in Detroit and for Clerk Amy Price and Union President Bill Hopper to serve as alternates.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Management and Staff to attend the Annual MERS Conference in Detroit.

MOTION CARRIED

Forest Service Agreement

An agreement was received from the Forest Service for a culvert replacement on E. Lake Road over Bear Creek.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Forest Service Agreement for East Lake Rd.

MOTION CARRIED

Drummond Island Township Road Agreements

Several Road Agreements were received from Drummond Island. The work requested is for South Shore Rd, Sturgeon Bay Rd, Maxton Rd, S. Long Island Point Rd, Cream City Point Rd and for the intersection of Townline and Maxton.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Road Agreements received from Drummond Island Township.

MOTION CARRIED

O.P.E.B. Actuarial Proposal

New audit standards were put in place for the reporting of post employment Health Insurance Benefits. A proposal was received from GRS Consultants for \$21,000. In order for us to be in compliance we could go to bid but he believes GRS has all of our data and we would be starting from scratch with any others. Office Manager Decker recommends accepting the proposal from GRS Consultants.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon for Office Manager Decker to do some further research and use his best discretion.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Office Manager Decker mentioned that he is gathering quotes for building and security improvements.

Clerk Price reported that Health Insurance Open Enrollment is complete and went well.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned that good weather is coming.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman