

**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 November 1, 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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Surveyor Wiggins, Clerk Price, and Union President Mills.

**ABSENT:** Project Manager Jere

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$130,825.86 and Vouchers in the amount of \$96,419.95 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the special meeting minutes held on October 22, 2018.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Erickson

- General Road Maintenance, grading and patching.
- Snow stakes are being placed.
- Putting up winter salt/sand.
- General Winter preparation.

Foreman Goodman

- Fall project plans fell to the wayside due to heavy rains.
- Seven roads were washed out requiring culvert and road repairs.
- General Winter preparation.

Foreman McConkey

- General Road Maintenance, grading and patching potholes.
- Placing snow stakes and putting up salt/sand
- Trucking salt to Drummond Island.

#### Surveyor Wiggins

- Met with John Gustafson and Linda Hanson from the DEQ. The purpose was to inspect emergency repairs made due to the heavy rains. The inspection went very well and the DEQ staff was impressed with the work done and the care used when repairing the washouts.

#### Office Manager Decker

- End of Quarter processing.
- Implementation of the new PR data entry process. Was able to find a local vendor to build laptops for each garage.
- Regular Office duties.

#### Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Picked up the used snow blower attachment purchased from Chippewa County EDC in Kinross.
- New Truck #4 is just about ready for pick-up. Trucks #5 & #6 will follow in two weeks to a month.
- Plenty of shop work.

#### Union President Mills

- No Report

#### Managers Report

- Viewed presentation from Stang Decisions Systems. Stang is an independent third party that offers application to recommendation employee searches. Their fee is charged only during the months that the service is used. A contract was signed to proceed with the search for an Engineer.
- Attended the Rural Task Force business meeting and training. Procedurally an adjustment was made to the meeting process. Future projects were discussed.
- Quotes for the salt barn rental loader are being prepared.
- Project Manager Jere is working on the 2019 road stripping package.
- Received a request from the Forest Service for plowing of Forest Service roads that are being accessed this winter.
- Straits Area Council Meeting is on Tuesday morning, November 6 in Mackinac City.
- A request was made by the U.P. Roads Builders association for \$500.00 to purchase ad time to bring attention to SB396.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Chairman Timmer reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

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Amy L. Price  
Clerk

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman