

**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, MI on April 30, 2020. The meeting was conducted via tele-conference per the Governor's Executive Order 2020-48

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer (by phone), Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon (by phone), Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Rye, Union President Mills, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen (by phone), Chief Mechanic Marsh (by phone).

**ABSENT:** Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman

**GUEST PRESENT:** Steve Wright, UP Engineers & Architects, Inc.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$153,417.92 and Vouchers in the amount of \$171,723.98 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 2, 2020 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 16, 2020 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the special meeting minutes from April 23, 2020 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Engineer VanDorn

- Payne & Dolan are ready to start crushing and shaping the Curley Lewis Highway project next week. Paving to start after. Payne and Dolan will have a total of three (3) paving crews to start in the area.
- Drummond Island and Pickford paving will start next week.

- Harold Street and Francis Street in Pickford will be delayed due to timing.
- Pickford paving crew will move to Curley Lewis after and Drummond Island crew will be on Spring Bay Road.
- The pre-construction meeting was held for Ranger Road and Gaines Highway. Ranger construction will begin directly after Gaines Highway.
- Paradise Garage - Mixing Zone determination will be delayed due to lack of information. We have to drill more wells and do more testing as directed by EGLE.
- We have an erosion/easement issue on 4 Mile and 5 Mile. A stream runs through the properties and no easement for the road commission has been provided. For now this is an issue between neighbors.
- The intern starts next week. We will have some training to do.
- Been out staking and GPS marking cross culverts.

Office Manager Decker

- The delivery of Peterbilt trucks has been pushed out to the beginning of June.
- Continuing to alternate days in the office.

Superintendent Erickson

- No Report.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report.

Foreman Rye

- Picking up snow stakes.
- GPS marked culverts in Goetzville and Pickford.
- Beavers are active in the area.
- Roads are being dragged.

Clerk Christensen

- Delivered masks, first aid kits, disinfectant, and hand sanitizer to all garages.
- The last executive order requires employers to have a plan in place to keep employees safe. We have had a plan since March 19 and will continue to use it as directive for keeping employees safe and the workplace clean and disinfected. As an organization we meet and exceed the standards set.

Union President Mills

- Nothing at this time.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Keeping busy in the shop.
- Working on the new loader.
- Able to get ahead a little.
- Kenworth dealer called with a list of re-calls. They will send someone here to take care of all the recall work in our garage.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Interviewed by the Evening News regarding our up-coming projects. They did a nice job with the article and it was some good PR for the road commission.
- The audit meeting went well last week. Our report looks good.
- Continuing to monitor state and federal orders regarding COVID-19 as they are updated.
- We received several masks from Chippewa County Commissioners. Central Dispatch got them to us. We have made them available to our staff.
- Attended the Rural Task Force meeting via ZOOM.
- The National Guard has been granted permission to use our pit on 15 mile road for equipment operations and night training.
- Working with Verso Paper in Trout Lake for use of their scale while purchasing materials from Graymont. The scale needs to be recalibrated before we start.
- We have a request from Paradise for signs to protect the milkweed plants/monarch butterflies. Neither are on the endangered species list, so we will not post signs. We will ask our crews to only cut what needs to be for road safety purposes.
- We cannot use Sourcewell for the loader. It will probably have to go to bid.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. COVID-19 update:

- Most covered in earlier reports. The crews will start full roadwork on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

B. ACT51 Signature:

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to sign the cover-page of ACT51 report for submission.

**MOTION CARRIED**

C. Signers on Note: - Tabled for future date.

D. 6 Mile Bridge (Waaska River) Engineering selection:

- After a review of the design proposals, the two low bids were submitted by UP Engineers & Architects and OHM. The proposal provided by OHM was recommended for approval.

**MOTION** by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to accept Tom's recommendation to accept the OHM proposal. Commissioner Gagnon abstained from voting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**County Commissioners Comments**

Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Timmer stated at the CRA meeting it was noted that most counties are seeing a reduction in MTF money. Layoffs are coming at the state level.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:54 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman