

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 December 27, 2018.

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, and Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Foreman McConkey, Clerk Ranta, Project Manager Jere, and Surveyor Wiggins.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$142,179.06 and Vouchers in the amount of \$177,833.32 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes held on December 13, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore commented on snowplowing around the Kinross area.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Keeping busy with Winter Maintenance. Freezing precipitation has kept the crew busy.
- Frost gage is around 30".

Foreman Goodman

- Rough roads from the frost.
- Brush hog out trimming along the roads.
- Burned brush from the E. Lake job.
- Weather conditions have been hard on the sand and salt supplies.

Brian Decker

- Working on budget items and year end work.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- We now have all 6 new Kenworth trucks on line.
- 3 of the new trucks are at the Eckerman garage, one is in the Brimley garage, one is in the Pickford garage and the last one is in the Rudyard garage.

- Shop is busy.
- Looking at next year's budget.

Union President Mills

- No report.

MANAGERS REPORTS

- The Rural Task Force (RTF) meeting was held at this office. It went well. Have a project with Detour Village in 2020. All money was allocated. Discussion ensued.
- Dirk Heckman was elected to the Chair Position for the RTF.
- Small Urban Fund work group has been scheduled with the City of Sault Ste. Marie for January 7, 2019, to coordinate their needs with ours. Invited Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore to join the meeting.
- Applications for Pickford mechanic reviewed with Foreman Erickson. The STANG Group has been very helpful in the application process.
- Senate Bill 396 and others like it died on the Michigan House floor. Discussion ensued.
- Looking at future purchases for 2019, mower tractors in particular.

Chairman Timmer asked about the status of the engineering position. Manager Laitinen responded that he would be talking with an applicant soon. An offer has been made.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resolution 2018-10 amendment to MDOT Contract 2017-0156

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to pass Resolution 2018-10 approving the amendment to the State Maintenance Contract.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

- Approval of 2019 Meeting Schedule

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the 2019 Meeting Schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Union President Brian Mills commented on the new paving on M-28 and noted that it was really cracking badly. Discussion ensued.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer reminded everyone to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.

Brian F. Decker
Deputy Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman