

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 December 1, 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, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to add Application for FLAP Grant to the Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$150,905.58 and Vouchers in the amount of \$42,164.01 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 November 17, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kinross Township Supervisor asked if the signs have been ordered for Short Cut Rd. and thanked the crew for coming out and sanding the base housing Thanksgiving weekend.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Had a combination of winter/summer weather to work with.
- Brushing at Rocky Point Rd.
- Windy conditions causing downed trees.

- Dragging Roads.

Foreman Erickson

- Winter Maintenance.
- Sanders are all ready.
- Putting away summer equipment.
- Ditching.
- Guardrail work for the State.

Foreman Goodman

- Thanked Chief Mechanic Frank and the mechanic staff for their timely maintenance and repairs.
- Ditching and Dragging.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Completed all the Sand and Gravel inventories.
- Emergency permit request for a bad pipe in Rudyard.

Office Manager Decker No report

Engineer Krouth

- The Sugar Island Little Rapids Project has wrapped up for the year. Guardrail repairs and downspouts are being completed.
- A Bridge inspection is scheduled for the new Bridge today.
- Working on the 2019 FLAP Grant application.
- Coversheet signatures are needed for the Riverside Dr project.
- Will be attending the CRA Seminar in Mt. Pleasant on the 6th.

Project Manager Jere

- Soil erosion control.
- New safety program.
- Working on upcoming projects.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Rebuilt an underbody and installed.
- General truck repairs.

- Working on sanders.

Union President Hopper No Report

Managers Report

- Had a very good vacation.
- Gave an overview of 12 new Bills that have been submitted. Bills 6074-6086 are all dealing with the reduction of Public Employee benefits. Manager Laitinen commented that without the benefit package that we offer we may not be able to attract experienced workers. Manager Laitinen said he will be following their progress very closely. Discussion ensued.
- Was interviewed by 9 & 10 News on what keeps us busy on a slow day. Good Coverage!
- The Wetland Mitigation Board application has been turned in. Many letters of support were received.
- Need to submit coversheet for the Riverside Dr., from 18 mile to Pennington Federal Aid project.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to have the Board and Manager Laitinen sign and submit the Coversheet for the Riverside Federal Aid project.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2016-22 FLAP GRANT

This resolution is in support of our Federal FLAP Grant application for funding of the Lakeshore Dr./FH-42 resurfacing project.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the resolution #2016-22.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

In attendance were Bruce Lynn and Shawn Ley from the Whitefish Point Shipwreck Society. They are also applying for a Federal FLAP Grant and require support from our agency, as they have in the past.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to support the project for improvements to the parking area and have Great Lakes Shipwreck Society submit the application on our behalf.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2016-23 STATE CONTRACT

This resolution is in support of the final State Maintenance Contract

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve resolution #2016-23.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union President Hopper asked about having the shoulders on the Curly Lewis Hwy paved. Manager Laitinen replied that it all depends on funding. Discussion

Foreman McConkey mentioned the Beaver are causing several water problems.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee commented that we are ahead of MDOT on implementing the green lights on the State routes.

Commissioner Gagnon reminded the staff to stay safe.

Chairman Timmer stated that the staff is doing a great job.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:50 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board