

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 January 2, 2014.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, LaJoie and Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Surveyor Wiggins, Assistant Engineer Deatrick, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey and Union President Hopper.

Deputy Clerk Decker asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie to nominate Commissioner Timmer as Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Chairman

Third call for nominations for Chairman

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Timmer for Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Clerk Decker asked for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to nominate Commissioner LaJoie as Vice-Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Vice-Chairman

Third call for nominations for Vice-Chairman

MOTION by Commissioner Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner LaJoie for Vice-Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$144,416.57 and Vouchers in the amount of \$22,780.83 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve minutes from our Regular Meeting held on December 19, 2013 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Continue winter maintenance and keeping up with equipment maintenance.
- Mentioned fuel jelling up in trucks. Discussion followed.

Office Manager Decker stated that Autore Oil has said their fuel is good up to -25 below. Further discussion followed.

Foreman McConkey

- Continue winter maintenance operations and equipment repair.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Had computer failure and is waiting on a new laptop that is on order. Discussion followed regarding system backup.

Assistant Engineer Deatrick

- 1 ½ Mile Road about 85% done engineer coming tomorrow to sign so they can be sent in. Project is \$20,000 under estimated cost for 6.79 miles of resurfacing. Thanked Commission for his time here as today is starting his 7th year.

Managers Report

- Thanked all crews for their hard work over the holidays.
- Received the new BCBS rates back on Tuesday, which now includes the ECM calculation. Questions on changes made in Lansing on PA152.
- Ambiguous language within bills in regards to if additional fees are to be added into the cap amount. Discussion followed. Wants to meet later next week with the union to begin discussions.
- Working with URS on Causeway Project.
- Starting to get copies of information for Attorney General's Office regarding court case.
- Budget for 2014 was passed on Tuesday. Revenues are similar to prior years. Budget was passed with a \$300,000 deficit.
- Temporary employee Jenn Kamper quit last week after being involved in a minor accident. Mike VanSloten was hired to replace her. Nightshift was suspended for one week to train the new hire for Kincheloe.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee suggested employees should be prepared if they get stuck or break down. He commented on passing a deficit budget and asked for any help with ideas to help save.

Commissioner LaJoie wished everyone a happy and safe new year.

Commissioner Timmer commended the crews for keeping things moving during the holidays and weekends.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union President Hopper discussed program year end review on Channel 7 & 4 regarding Sugar Island flood.

Discussion ensued regarding sand usage and possibly needing more.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

Brian F. Decker
Deputy Clerk

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman