

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 11, 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 Goodman, Foreman McConkey Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$173,920.39 and Vouchers in the amount of \$249,330.94 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 minutes from the Regular meeting and the Special Meeting minutes held on December 28, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Winter Maintenance, very busy.
- All is well.

Foreman Goodman

- Very busy with Winter Maintenance.
- Thanked the night crew for doing a great job.
- The extreme cold improved road conditions and reduced maintenance.

Foreman Erickson

- Winter Maintenance.
- Thanked the staff that responded to the holiday and weekend overtime call outs.
- The Sault Garage Winter temp is working out well.

Office Manager Decker

- 2017 year end and actuary work.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop very busy.
- Travelled to Truck and Trailer to check on the progress of the sign truck. It's coming along well and will be ready soon.
- Truck and Truck Equipment bid research & analysis.

Union President Hopper

- New fog lights on trucks working out really well.

Managers Report

- Thanked the staff that came in for the numerous call outs over the last several weeks and Holidays. He noted that there is an expectation that a reasonable amount of OT be accepted by all drivers.
- Manager Laitinen informed the Board that as of this time we are not going to close the MERS Health Care Savings Account program. Alternatives to the MERS program are being sought out.
- Reviewed Truck and Truck Equipment bids with Chief Mechanic Marsh.
- Lakeshore Drive project work.

New Business

CRA Board of Directors Ballot

Manager Laitinen reviewed the ballot with the Board. Mr. Douglas Mills is running unopposed for the CRA Board opening. Chairman Timmer mentioned that Mr. Mills has been an asset to the CRA Board and recommended his re-election.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to cast the CRA Board of Directors Ballot for Mr. Douglas Mills.

MOTION CARRIED

Award of Truck and Truck Equipment Bids.

Bids were taken for the hydraulics and equipment needed for the new trucks. Only one bid was received from Truck and Trailer. Manager Laitinen reviewed the bid.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the equipment bid to Truck and Trailer Specialties of Boyne Falls.

MOTION CARRIED

Bids were taken for six (6) new Tandem Axle Cab and Chassis Trucks. Manager Laitinen reviewed the bids received from Michigan Kenworth, Grand Traverse Diesel Western Star and JX Peterbilt. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Ormsbee to award the Truck bid to Michigan Kenworth.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer reminded the staff to stay safe.

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

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman