

**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 10, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, Chief Mechanic Marsh, and Clerk Ranta.

**ABSENT:** Surveyor Wiggins and Union President Mills.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$165,135.57 and Vouchers in the amount of \$389,977.78 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 and the special meeting minutes held on December 27, 2018.

Noted by Chairman Timmer that there was an error in the special meeting minutes. Commissioner Gagnon was listed as both present and absent when in fact he was absent.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Erickson

- Very busy with the nasty storm that took place this past Monday.
- Still have lots of work to do yet.
- Would like to compliment the guys on their hard work.

Foreman Goodman

- Shout out to the crew for their excellent work performance regarding Monday's snow storm.
- Every truck was out being used on Monday and the night staff came in to help.

Foreman McConkey

- The Pickford, Goetzville, Drummond Island area received lots of snow. The guys did a great job.

- Only had a few minor issues with hoses on the vehicles during the storm.
- Still working on snow clean-up.

Brian Decker

- Working on new desktop computers for the front office staff and parts manager.
- Working on year end items.
- Noted an email from the State of Michigan in which 30 million dollars was distributed in error to the Road Commissions in Michigan and now will be recouped. The first take back is scheduled for February 2019. Discussion ensued.
- Bobbie is working on the fringe rate for 2019.

Project Manager Jere

- Working on the 2019 Lakeshore project.
- Continues to help work on completing past paperwork for previous State projects.
- Culvert replacements on Lakeshore Dr. were discussed. Discussion ensued.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Happy that there were no break-downs during the snow storm on Monday.
- Assisted Manager Laitinen with interviewing potential candidates for the Pickford Garage Mechanic position.
- Working on future purchasing decisions.

**MANAGERS REPORTS**

- Commended the road crew on how they handled Monday's storm, especially in working well together, communicating and displaying camaraderie and humor in a long and challenging day.
- The Chippewa County Road Commission's Facebook page was a useful tool in communicating facts during and after the snowstorm.
- Pickford resident Nikki Cottle posted a very nice picture of our plow in a winter scene with a prayer for safety.
- A new engineer has accepted the available position and will begin February 18, 2019.
- Currently interviewing potential candidates for the Pickford garage mechanic position. The STANG group narrowed down the applicant pool and the top four candidates were interviewed. An offer has been made to one of the individuals. Advertising through STANG helped us reach a wider range of potential candidates than we would have reached through previous traditional methods.

- Met earlier in the week with the City Engineering Staff to discuss potential projects for 2021-2023 Small Urban Program.
- A public meeting discussing Small Urban Program will be held at the Chippewa County Road Commission office on February 1<sup>7th</sup>, 2019 at 10:00am.
- The Kinross Small Urban Meeting will meet at the same time.
- Submitting CRA IMPRESS Awards under the Collaboration category.
- Up-grades in the main office in the Sault were discussed.
- Bids are out for repairs to the Kinross Salt Shed. Siddock Group has been hired to oversee the work. Bid opening is at 1:00 P.M. on January 22, 2019, here at our office. A site visit will occur on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Timmer inquired if various grants such as the Rural Development grant for mitigation could be used for our up-coming projects. Discussion ensued as to various possibilities to harness monies in the forms of grants to be used for facilities and equipment as well as roads.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Chairman Timmer inquired if information was obtained to finish up the conveyance paperwork on Industrial Park Drive. Manager Laitinen responded that he is still waiting to receive the legal description of the lead-in from M-80 to the Industrial Road Plat.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Office Manager Decker addressed that one of Bobbie's skill sets is a grant writer. He hopes to utilize those skills in regards to future projects.
- Congratulations to Commissioner Ormsbee on his reappointment.
- Inquiry if there was a contingent plan in place if the round-a-bout at 3 Mile and the I-75 Business Spur were to become blocked up. Discussion ensued as to potential bi-pass roads.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

- Commissioner Gagnon applauded the crews for a job well done.
- Chairman Timmer gave kudos to the crew in regards to Monday's storm. He also reminded everyone to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

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Stephanie A Ranta  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman