

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 April 5, 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 McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Engineer Krouth, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Project Manager Jere, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Surveyor Wiggins.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$141,443.61 and Vouchers in the amount of \$271,517.68 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on March 22, and the Special Meeting Minutes from March 29, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Gravel roads were shaping up before the recent storms.
- Back to back snowstorms and winter maintenance.
- Steaming Culverts.
- State nights extended until the 14th of April.
- Salt Inventories are holding.

Chairman Timmer asked Foreman Erickson about the frost tube readings. He reported that before the cold & storms we had 26 inches off the top but that the tubes have refrozen.

Foreman Goodman

- Thanked the crew for coming in over the Holiday weekend storm.
- Went from summer back to winter maintenance with over a foot of snow.
- Night Crew doing a good job, staying busy.

Foreman McConkey

- State Roads in Mackinac County not touched during the Holiday Weekend storm. Our guys were out and did a great job.
- Dragging, Steaming and Patching.
- Rocky Point Road Project brush clearing.

Office Manager Decker

- Financials are complete through February and available for your review.
- Section 115 Trust research and meeting preparation.
- 2017 Audit Review.

Engineer Krouth

- Curley Lewis Rd FLAP Grant Route Agreement Preparation.
- Held precon meeting for Kincheloe Dr. the estimated start date is in mid July.
- Bridge inspection contract preparation.

Union President Hopper

- Announced that this will be his last meeting as Union President. Brian Mills will be taking over the position.

Managers Report

- Thanked the staff for the excellent coverage over the Weekend and commended them for providing safe Holiday travel.
- Working on material needs (gravel & sand) for the upcoming 2017 project work.
- Reviewing purchases of additional summer equipment with Chief Mechanic Marsh.
- Working with Miller Bradford on purchase of a Wheel Loader through the MI Deal State purchasing site.
- Converted four temporary employees to fulltime effective April 2, 2018. Michael Carrick, Joshua Mills, Anthony Mayer and David Mills.
- The \$475K State surplus payment will come soon. This funding has no additional reporting requirements. Top priorities for use of the funding are repairs to Ranger Road and a Sugar Island cross pipe replacement. Also looking at 15 Mile Road.
- Reminded the Foreman that information on any earthwork done within 500 feet of a Lake or Stream needs to be reported to the office per our agreement with MDEQ.

NEW BUSINESS

Rudyard Township Road Contract

Manager Laitinen reviewed the proposed work to be done on Prairie Road in Rudyard Township for a distance of 2.2 miles. Estimated Township share is \$196,928.00

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Township Road Contract with Rudyard Township.

MOTION CARRIED

Authorization for Chairman Timmer to sign Forest Service Agreement.

Manager Laitinen reviewed the contract with the Board. The project consists of a 16ft concrete box culvert to be place on Sweiger Creek Truck Trail over the Sweiger Creek. The estimated cost is \$142,933.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the Forest Service Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Authorization for Engineer Krouth to sign the Bridge Inspection Agreement.

Manager Laitinen stated that we have a Master Agreement with Ayres & Associates for bi-annual Bridge Inspections. Discussion ensued on this supplement to the Master Agreement and the scope of the work to be done this season.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee for Engineer Krouth to sign the Bridge Inspection Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

Michigan DNR

Mr. Paul Gaberdiel from the Michigan DNR was present to seek approval from the Board for expansion to their ATV Trail System. Although all Chippewa County Roads are open to ATV use the DNRs hope is to provide a designated signed route. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to support the DNRs ATV Trail Proposal and designated Manager Laitinen to work with the MI DNR & Paul Gaberdiel to identify the best routes.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer asked for input on what type of pavement preservation; what are using, what others are using? Discussion ensued.

Chairman Timmer reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman