

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, MI on March 5, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Engineer VanDorn, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Office Manager Decker, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Mills, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore.

GUEST PRESENT: Jim Moore

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$201,585.16 and Vouchers in the amount of \$445,441.54 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 20, 2020 with the following clarification, and place them on file:

Page 3 - Under Chief Mechanic Marsh's report change the word "adjust" to "adjuster."

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the special meeting minutes from February 25, 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Moore wanted to announce that there will be a MTA meeting on March 12, 2020. As well as one in April that Manager Laitinen does plan on attending. Mr. Moore also requested signed copies of the Road Agreements for Kinross Township. Engineer VanDorn will get copies for Mr. Moore's records.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Attended the MDOT Contract Management Conference in Mt. Pleasant. MDOT is going to start pushing for bid letting beginning August through December.
- EGLE has received the application for the Paradise site in regards to the mixing zone. They will be doing more testing this summer.

- MDOT did an audit of all outstanding local projects. The Riverside Drive job slipped through the cracks with AECOM. We will get that finalized with MDOT.
- Chairmain Timmer asked Engineer VanDorn if he felt that we would still have to use AECOM for upcoming projects. Engineer VanDorn does not feel we will need to use the services of AECOM after the projects are wrapped up.

Superintendent Erickson

- Guys have been cutting back banks and using the cold patch to repair lots of pot holes.
- Have contacted a couple local contractors with tree/brush cutting equipment in regards to helping us with cutting trees back in our right of ways that fell due to the storm we had.

Foreman Goodman

- We have been slicing banks and widening up the roads.

Foreman Rye

- We have been doing the same thing and now dealing with the March winds.

Office Manager Decker

- No Report

Clerk Christensen

- Safety Committee met on Friday, February 21, 2020. The Safety Education Date has been set for April 29, 2020 at the Bruce Township Hall. MSHA training has been set up for May 12th and 13th, 2020.
- I am obtaining quotes for First Aid kits for all of the trucks, blankets have all been given out to each garage and have been distributed to the trucks.
- I met with Sault garage last week and we had conversation in regards to securing all objects in their trucks at all times. Since the meeting they have been looking at different ways to ensure their fire extinguishers and tools are secure. My goal is to make it to all of the garages in the next two weeks to have the same conversation.
- Chief Mechanic Marsh brought the JCB Backhoe up to the front office to show Manager Laitinen and myself the new light placement and additional lights for more visibility for the safety of the employees driving it on the road ways.
- Eyewash locations in the garages are being looked at. New MIOSHA standards came out last year and we are making sure that we are compliant.
- Office Manager Decker, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore and myself met with Missy Robbins from Central Dispatch to look at RAVE and Smart 911 to communicate when events go on so that everyone is getting the same messages and updates.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report

MANAGER'S REPORT

- JKL Bahweting school sent a group of 8th graders to come and learn about career readiness and that there are more careers at the road commission than truck driving.
- Dean Besteman and Manger Laitinen took a truck to the Sault Cooperative Preschool and the kids got to get inside and look around.
- Meeting set for later today with Roland Equipment to go over some excavator specs.
- Working on preparation of a gravel crushing bid.
- The truck from the accident on M-123 was sent down to Gaylord to be repaired. Once the body shop in Gaylord has it repaired it will go over to Boyne City to have the rest of the repairs completed. We are looking at potentially getting the truck back in June.
- Our employee from the accident on M-123 will be out for approximately two months for injuries related to the accident. Our workman's comp. pool has assigned a case worker to him to ensure that he gets the proper care needed.
- Watching closely a package of bills being worked on by Speaker Chatfield which would re-direct the sales tax collected at the pump toward County Roads and City Streets.
- Dave Rusch from TSC in Newberry passed away unexpectedly. Manger Laitinen mentioned that he was always great to work with.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Chairman Timmer mentioned that at the UPCAP meeting last Friday Ed McBroom spoke about the road situations and the jamming up of the MDOT's work. Engineer VanDorn mentioned that in June or July SHPO will be requiring that the Road Commissions will have to hire outside contractors for historic preservation evaluations prior to construction.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Moore got called by ATF, the CPL data base got hacked. Mr. Moore also wanted to remind everyone that it is spring ahead on Sunday. Mr. Moore also asked how the funding is going with the tribe.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:44 A.M.

Abby Christensen on behalf of
Bobbie Livermore,
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman