

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on January 14, 2016.

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, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatrlick, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$144,810.31 and Vouchers in the amount of \$772,815.24 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 held on December 30, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 23, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Back to plowing operations, plenty of snow to keep busy.
- Equipment repairs. Thank you to Chief Mechanic Marsh and his staff. Chairman Timmer asked what is breaking. Foreman McConkey replied that it is the older trucks that are starting to show wear.

Foreman Erickson

- Guy's are happy to be plowing, all is going well.
- General equipment repairs and maintenance.

Foreman Pesola

- Finished the Lost Lake Road Project. Huge improvement!
- Varied amounts of snow throughout the Western end.
- Back to plowing operations.
- Night crews doing a great job!!

Office Manager Decker

- The vendor that won the bid for wearing edges did not process the order timely creating a shortage. Thank You to Engineer Manager Heckman with Mackinac County for loaning us blades until ours were received. Discussion Ensued
- Tentatively scheduling the 2015 audit for the third week of February.

Project Manager Deatrck

- MDOT took bids on the Federal Aid Pavement Marking job, one bid was received. Michigan Pavement Markings of Wyoming bid \$45,225 which was about \$9,000 under the Engineer's bid.
- The Tower Rd. job from M-129 to Hancock Road in Pickford has been submitted for the preliminary plan meeting. Possible Spring letting.

Engineer Krouth

- Check was received from Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.
- The GLRI project is moving along, 30% plans have been received for the road and bridge design, 70% in soon.

Chief Engineer Marsh

- Reported on the accident on January 12th on I-75 and the damage to the conveyor on truck #691.
- Shop has been busy
- Brush grinder is almost done.

Union President Hopper - No Report

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen informed the Board of the accident on I-75. The driver went to the ER to be checked out but has since returned to work. An insurance claim will be processed for the damage.
- Repairs to the well and pump have been completed.
- Attended the Straits Council Managers Meeting, it was well attended. MDOT Negotiations were discussed.

- Paradise resident Mr. Bicknell has expressed interest in cleaning up the old Paradise garage site. He is looking into available funding sources.
- We had a visit from CRA Director Denise Donohue We gave her a tour of the facility and the equipment.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

ADJUST MEETING DATE FOR FEBRUARY 11TH, 2016 MEETING.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to move the February 11th meeting to February 10th at 1:00 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

CRA BALLOT

Chairman Timmer discussed the two ballot items. His recommendation is that we support amendment's one and two.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to support both ballot's.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-01

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-01.

MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

MOTION TO APPROVE LOAN POLICY WITH SECURITY BENEFITS

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the loan policy with Security Benefits.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE AMENDED SECURITY BENEFITS 457 PLAN

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to accept the Resolution to amended the 457 plan with Security Benefits.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee commented that the roads are looking great and reminded the staff to stay safe.

Chairman Timmer reported that he had received two calls from residents indicating they saw CCRC drivers on their cell phones. He asked that the staff be reminded of the law and the perception of the public.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board