

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 2, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatruck, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Chief Mechanic Avery, Clerk McDowell, Surveyor Wiggins, and Foreman McConkey.

Deputy Clerk Price asked for nominations for the office of Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to nominate Commissioner Timmer as Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Chairman
Third call for nominations for Chairman

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Timmer for Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Deputy Clerk Price asked for nominations for the office of Vice Chairman.

MOTION by Commissioner Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to nominate Commissioner Ormsbee as Vice Chairman.

Second call for nominations for Vice Chairman
Third call for nominations for Vice Chairman

MOTION by Commissioner Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to close nominations and cast unanimous ballot for Commissioner Ormsbee for Vice Chairman.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$141,244.33 and Vouchers in the amount of \$93,268.06 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 18, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore thanked the guys for doing a great job plowing. He also reminded the Board of the race taking place at the Kinross fairgrounds on January 10th.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Performing winter maintenance
- Lost Lake Road is on hold for right now
- Dealing with equipment breakdowns

Foreman Erickson

- Performing winter maintenance
- Thanked guys for coming in over the Holidays
- Mechanics busy keeping equipment running

Project Manager Deatruck

- Mentioned that today marks his 8 year anniversary with the Road Commission
- Working on final quantities for 2014 Federal aid projects

Office Manager Decker

- Working on year-end and budgets

Engineer Krouth

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Materials are on site and work will begin on the new entrance on Monday, sidewalk work to be completed by us in the Spring.
- Working on DEQ permits for the Whitefish Point Road shoreline restoration and for culvert work at the Charlotte River and 12 Mile
- Working on the Sugar Island reimbursement from the BIA

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Working with Office Mgr Decker on budgets
- DEQ counterproposal almost ready
- Had visit from the new State Police Commander and discussed the new enforcement rates for the 2015 load limit season.
- Working on alternate funding presentation for the CRAM Conference.
- Causeway Project Update: No proposals were received with the 4.6 million allocated for the project; an additional 3.5 million has been requested and looks promising, bringing the construction budget to 8.1 Million. Discussion ensued
- Held Local Area Task Force Meeting. Attending was Dafter Township Supervisor Bob Brown. Added to the Five year plan is an annual pavement marking project also added was 15 Mile from M-129 to Riverside and Lakeshore Dr. from Salt Point Road to M-123. Mr. Chuck Moser from EUPTA also attended the meeting and discussed adding the Sugar Island Approach to the five year plan.
- A response has been received from the Arbitrator regarding our use of illustrated insurance rates. He sided with the Employer. At this time there are no other grievances. A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 6th at 12:30 with Union Rep Steve Donovan.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to change the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting to Wednesday January 14, 2015 at 8:00 am.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the bids received for 6 tandem axle cab and chassis trucks. Four bids were received, only two met specifications. Low bidder was JX Peterbilt at \$116,970.00

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award the purchase of 6 tandem axle trucks to JX Peterbilt for \$116,970.00 each.

MOTION CARRIED

Discussion ensued regarding the financing of the 6 tandem axle trucks and who to send the request for quotes to. It was decided to send a request for quotes to all local Banks and Credit Unions that provide Commercial lending.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to solicit financing quotes for the 6 tandem axle trucks.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen has been working with Chief Mechanic Avery and Mechanic Marsh on the equipment and hydraulics that will need to be added to the new trucks. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to go to bid on the equipment and hydraulics needed to outfit the 6 new trucks.

MOTION CARRIED

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon stated that he is glad to be here.

Commissioner Ormsbee apologized for being tardy. He mentioned that he had been traveling all over Michigan and believes that Chippewa County roads are the best in the State

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff for their great job and for working through the Holidays. He mentioned that he is proud to be part of the organization!

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Amy L Price
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman