

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 October 3, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Engineer VanDorn, Union President Mills, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

GUEST PRESENT: Faran Smith, Barry Davis

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$139,231.36 and Vouchers in the amount of \$407,244.11 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 on September 19, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the special meeting minutes on September 19, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Faran Smith asked about the ability to have 7 Mile Rd. on Sugar Island to be plowed during the winter months. It was noted that at this time we do not plow seasonal roads. Foreman Mikolowski and Erickson looked at the road and determined it could be plowed but would not be 1st priority.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Curley Lewis - Payne & Dolan has begun work on it; rain was an issue this week.
- Ranger Road - G.I. completed; plans are approved. Hoping to have things in place for January.
- Gaines Highway - No update at this time.
- Working on local paving package. Estimate is about 4 Million.

- Commissioner Ormsbee recommended that Engineer VanDorn have a project ready for when the state finalizes their budget, such as a chip seal package.

Foreman Erickson

- Sugar Island - Received 3 plus inches of rain. Seppi Road was washed out. The road is now back together.
- Foreman Erickson wanted to compliment all the hard work of the guys in regards to the wash out on Sugar Island.
- AMZ crew is done
- Working on cleaning out some ditches and have a little more patching to do.
- Started putting in snow stakes.
- Issues with signs in the right of way of roads has grown. MDOT has approved for CCRC to remove signs that are not following the placement guidelines from within the state trunkline right of way. Any signs found to be in violation will be removed and brought back to the county garages and placed outside the fence for the owner.
- Commissioner Ormsbee did drive by an Amish construction site and reminded them about the right of way. Their fencing and signs need to follow the guidelines put in place.

Foreman McConkey

- E. Clay Road is coming along.
- We have been out doing some patching.
- Ethan has been getting the trucks ready for winter.
- Guys have been putting in culverts, the poly-coated culverts are working very nicely.

Foreman Goodman

- The crew has about ¼ mile cleared on Tahqua Trail. Hoping to get the rest raised up and graveled before snow.
- Road side mowing has been wrapped up.
- It has been noticed that when the line painting was done that lines at stop signs were not painted and people are rolling through the stop signs and are unaware of where to stop for the stop sign. It has been really noticeable in Rudyard.

Office Manager Decker

- Blade bids have been received.
- Pickford is now set up on the timecard/payroll system.
- Working on getting quartley's out next week.
- Used equipment and bid sheet have been placed on the website and is set to close October 15, 2019.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- We still do not have the truck chassis from the dealership in Detroit. Office Manager Decker has sent emails to see how we move forward.
- Put used bid notice out, we are getting rid of a couple trucks and the stickers need to be removed off of them.
- We are working to get the trucks ready for winter. Plows are done, we are currently working on sanders.
- Rotating out pickups to go to LineX.
- The wheel loader has been cut out of the budget the last couple years and he foresees some heavy maintenance work on our current loader. Would like to suggest that we look at putting it back in the budget for this upcoming year.
- Commissioner Ormsbee, mentioned that Soo Motors recently took in a diesel truck that we may be interested in and suggested that we may want to reach out to them.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No Report

NEW BUSINESS

A. Award Drag Blade Bid

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer. To award bid for drag blades for the 2019/2020 season to Truck & Trailer Specialties.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Sign PA 51 - Annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer. To authorize Chairman Timmer and Office Manager Decker sign the annual certification.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Ormsbee would like the Foreman to remind to their guys that it is dark in the mornings when they come to work and getting dark earlier, please be careful and watch for the Amish buggy's. Also asked Clerk Christensen if she could reach out to the Sherriff's office to ask if they could put something out on their Facebook page.

Chairman Timmer asked Engineer VanDorn if he could look at the law and see if signs or painting could be done around Brimley State Park entrance to help slow traffic down.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township asked if Centerline had been paved yet. Foreman Goodman stated it was not but we are hoping it gets done soon. Waiting for Payne & Dolan to get it on their schedule. Discussion ensued.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:51 A.M.

Abby Christensen
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman