

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 December 3, 2015.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatrack, Surveyor Wiggins, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: None

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$136,974.20 and Vouchers in the amount of \$102,673.57 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 minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore reported that he had a discussion with Wendy Hoffman with the Sault Tribe. He is waiting for the Tribes approval to fund paving of John Patrick St. in Kincheloe. Discussion ensued

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Small burst of winter activity.
- Dragging Gravel Roads
- Building and Shop Maintenance

Foreman Pesola

- Getting equipment ready for Winter
- Small Ditching Projects
- Replacing Cross Pipe in Rudyard

Foreman Erickson

- Cold Patching
- Gravel Road Maintenance
- Equipment Maintenance
- Removal of Dead Trees in the ROW
- Replacement Grader Set-up

Surveyor Wiggins

- Working on Gravel Inventories

Office Manager Decker

- Getting caught up from vacation

Project Manager Deatrck

- Documentation has been sent to SHPO for the Townline Road job in Pickford. Waiting times for SHPO approvals are taking longer and longer causing funding problems.

Engineer Krouth

- Continuing to work on the design phase of the Little Rapids Project.
- Sugar Island Culvert change is complete, working on final bill for the overage to be submitted to Sault Tribe.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Last of the snow plow trucks being worked on
- Loader and Grader work
- Developed a five year plan/wish list for equipment

Union President Hopper

- Asked if the Eckerman Garage could add a Truck Hoist to the "Wish List".

MANAGERS REPORT

- Tomorrow (12-4-15) Foreman McConkey and I will be visiting Pickford Area Schools. We will bring out one of the plow trucks for the kids to see up close and talk about safety around plows.
- Big News! Washington will be acting today on a Transportation bill. The current bill is set to expire and must be renewed or

new legislation passed. Discussion ensued on the contents of the proposed package.

- The Arbitration Hearing scheduled for December 1st was cancelled due to illness. No reschedule date has been set yet.
- Will be speaking at the MTA meeting at the Kinross Township Hall tonight at 6:30.
- The Subcontract Renewal with Detour Village for State Roads has been sent. Discussion Ensued
- Working on an Equipment/Facility priority list with Office Manager Decker.
- Received request from two Township Supervisors to help them develop a five year plan for their Roads.
- Working on various Township Road Agreements.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

SET MEETING DATE TO ADJUST 2015 BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2016 APPROPRIATIONS.

A tentative date has been set for December 23rd at 10:00 am.

ADJUST MEETING DATE FOR DECEMBER 31, 2015

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to move the December 31st meeting to December 30th at 8:00 am.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore informed the Board that the Prison move went safely and is complete. He then discussed the relocation of the Cloverland substation that is on the corner of Kincheloe and Water Tower Dr.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned he had received compliments on the Road Maintenance in Chippewa County.

Chairman Timmer asked that the staff plan ahead and prioritize equipment and road needs.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:39 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Chairman Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board