

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 March 23, 2017.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Office Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$172,079.55 and Vouchers in the amount of \$182,715.87 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 9, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

A. Policy Review:

The following policies were reviewed and reaffirmed by the Board with no changes. The Freedom of Information Act Policy, the Title VI Policy and the Policy on a Drug Free Workplace.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve and reaffirm the Freedom of Information, Title VI and Drug Free Workplace Policies.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Approval for Chairman Timmer to sign the Act 51 Maps.

Surveyor Wiggins went over the changes to the Certified Act 51 Road Map.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the Act 51 Road Map.

MOTION CARRIED

C. 2017-2019 State Trunkline Mowing Bid Award.

Project Manager Jere went over the one bid received from S&S Mowing. Their Bid covers three seasons 2017, 2018 and 2019 with three cuts per year. The bid total is \$325,017.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to accept the bid from S&S Mowing pending approval from the MDOT Administrative Board.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore Thanked the crew for keeping the potholes patched. Chairman Timmer asked about our hot-patch inventory. Foreman Erickson said the inventory in fine.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Spurt of Winter weather with high winds, drifting and slippery roads.
- Water problems have been greatly reduced.
- Graded a few gravel roads, many are still too wet.
- Garage clean-up and truck maintenance.
- Mechanic shop is caught up.

Foreman Goodman

- Winter weather with high winds & slippery roads.
- Chainsaw maintenance.
- Tree & brush clearing along Hulbert Road.

Foreman McConkey

- High winds causing drifting.
- Water is getting away well, very few problems.
- Garage Maintenance.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Working on Act 51 maps.
- Ordered & set up new map plotter.
- DEQ Permits for the Hulbert Road project

Office Manager Decker

- Safety Meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017.
- MSHA training is scheduled for May 2 & 3, 2017.
- Empower change over is going well.

Chairman Timmer asked if we have solved our access problems with the online CRASIF system. Office Manager Decker said he has brought in outside help to solve the compatibility issue.

Project Manager Jere

- Frost Laws are still in effect, issuing many permits.
- Working on the Agenda for the Safety Meeting.
- Had Garage walk-thru with Mike Shultz from MCRCSIP.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the CRA Road show last week. The event was well attended and had great breakout sessions.
- Was contacted by the Federal Highway Engineering Committee. They would like to oversee the Lakeshore Dr. project.
- Nothing happening with the Little Rapids Project at this time. More to come soon.
- Finished the draft proposal for Riverside Dr., waiting on the DEQ permit.
- The Title Sheet for the Kincheloe Dr. to Country Club Dr. project is complete and ready for signatures.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Chairman Timmer to sign the Title Sheet for the Kincheloe Dr. to Country Club Dr. project in Kinross Township.

MOTION CARRIED

- Rural Task Force Meeting is scheduled for Monday March 27th.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Going through the construction machinery.
- Sign Truck body research with Sign Foreman Young.
- Regular Maintenance.

Union President Hopper - No Report

OLD BUSINESS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Office Manager Decker mention that he spoke to Supt/Manager Laitinen and his presentation at the Bridge Conference went very well.

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that several street name signs are missing and would like to order them through us.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer mentioned that all is going good and reminded the staff to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:34 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman