

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 February 22, 2018.

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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$154,116.26 and Vouchers in the amount of \$190,976.81 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 Regular meeting minutes held on February 7, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Winter Maintenance, very busy.
- Icy Roads and freezing rain.
- Spotty water problems/frozen pipes.

Foreman Goodman

- Very busy with Winter Maintenance.
- Gravel Pit Maintenance. Burning several large brush piles.
- Steaming frozen pipes

Foreman McConkey

- Staying busy.
- Steaming frozen culverts.
- 12 Mile Brushing/Clearing.
- Fuel Pump is fixed.
- Mechanic Fegan staying busy.

Chairman Timmer asked about the depth of the frost gages?

Soo, 68...Pickford, 54...Brimley, 58.

Office Manager Decker

- The ACT 51 financial portion is complete.
- Trying new Carbide Blades. These blades are more expensive but are claimed to wear longer.
- The OPEB Actuarial is complete. Discussion ensued
- Auditors Anderson/Tackman will be on site the week of March 5th to perform the 2017 Audit.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop very busy, staying ahead.
- Going through construction equipment.
- A plow truck rolled on its side but had only minor damage. It has been repaired and is back on the road.

Union President Hopper - None

Managers Report

- Attended the U.P. Road Builders Conference in Marquette.
- Participated in the General Policy Meeting with a very good cross-section of participants. Discussed potential Logging Legislation.
- Legislators are backing the use of the 2017 Michigan Budget surplus on Roads and Bridges. If approved CCRC would receive an additional \$475,000 in funding.
- House Bill #5490 has been introduced; it would allow MTF funds to be distributed directly to some Townships. If passed it could affect our funding.
- Will be attending the Michigan Tech Bridge Conference, speaking on the design and construction of the 12 Mile Box Culvert.
- Working on several agreements with the Forest Service.
- Maintaining communication through the Road Commission Facebook page.

NEW BUSINESS

MCRCSIP Discussion

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to support an Amicus Brief prepared by MCRCSIP.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS - None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff and reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman