

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 October 4, 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 McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price, and Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Surveyor Wiggins, Project Manager Jere

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$133,399.62 and Vouchers in the amount of \$714,017.49 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 regular meeting minutes held on September 20, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Rocky Point Road is complete, the crew did a great job!
- Dragging gravel roads.
- Tree trimming is shaded areas.
- Roads held well through all the rain.

Office Manager Decker

- Will be attending the U.P. Clerks Meeting on the 18th.
- Working on monthly financials.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Will take delivery of the third new truck ordered.
- Prepping all the winter equipment.
- Still dealing with emission issues on trucks.
- Building a truck for Brimley.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Managers Report

- The Statewide operator's lockout has been temporally put on hold. Contract negotiations will continue after the construction season.
- A meeting was held with MDOT to discuss the re-start of road projects and the priorities. Our paving projects will carry over until spring.
- The box culvert site on 9 Mile is ready for guardrail.
- Winter salt deliveries will be starting soon.
- A MDOT negotiation meeting was held to discuss ownership and responsibility of Hwy overpasses such as 6 Mile.
- Received the MDOT letter of understanding for Winter Operations. Winter night coverage will begin on November 4th.
- Foreman Erickson and Foreman Goodman are attending the Superintendants Conference in Frankenmuth.
- Received documents from the CRA office outlining the statewide road warranty program. This program would require Contractors to warranty any paving items in excess of Two Million, (\$2,000,000.00). Discussion ensued.
- Manager Laitinen updated the Board on Senate Bill #396. This bill is sponsored by Senator Casperson and would remove ALL road restrictions for the Timber Industry during the Spring break up. A resolution was prepared and is being circulated/supported by many other Road Agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

Bay Mills Township Road Contract

Manager Laitinen reviewed the scope of work done on Lakeshore Drive in Bay Mills Township. This project will extend for 3.07 miles and has a Township share of \$67,687.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Road Contract with Bay Mills Township.

MOTION CARRIED

Request to remove seasonal designation on Farm Truck Trail & Maple Block Road.

Whitefish Township residents were present to request that their roads, Farm Truck Trail & Maple Block Road be changed to an all season road designation. They want their area to receive year round plowing and maintenance. The area has several camps and cabins and is used heavily by the Timber Industry. Manager Laitinen informed the residents that before any road is considered for a designation change that it has to be brought up to criteria. (See policy #4 on *Acceptance of Roads onto the County Road System*). The cost for the improvements must be shared between the Road Commission and another outside source. Manager

Laitinen indicated that he and Commissioner Ormsbee reviewed the area recently. A rough estimate to bring the road up to criteria would be \$500,000.00. Discussion Ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to have Manager Laitinen prepare a written estimate for road upgrades and approach Whitefish Township.

MOTION CARRIED

Resolution 2018-07

This Resolution has been written in opposition to Senate Bill #396. This Bill would remove all restrictions to the Timber Industry during the spring thaw when Load Limits are in place.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve and adopt Resolution #18-007.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

Engineer Hiring Discussion

Manager Laitinen informed the Board that he would like to start the process of bringing on an Engineer. He indicated that we need to get someone in place to prep next year's projects. Discussion ensued on the best ways and places to advertise.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to authorize Manager Laitinen to advertise for an Engineer.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ormsbee noted several building improvements that are needed here and at the outlying garages that should be planned for and budgeted. Office Manager Decker mentioned that we could schedule a Capital Outlay meeting to discuss the items.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to hold a Capital Outlay Meeting on Thursday November 1st 2018, following the regular meeting.

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Date Change

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to move the 8:00 A.M. Thursday November 15th 2018 regular meeting to 8:00 A.M. Wednesday November 14th 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 A.M.

Amy L. Price
Clerk

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman