

**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 January 14, 2015.

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee and Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Manager Deatrlick, Engineer Krouth, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola and Foreman Erickson.

**ABSENT:** Surveyor Wiggins, Chief Mechanic Avery and Union President Hopper

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$180,605.59 and Vouchers in the amount of \$339,422.83 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 30, 2014 and Regular Meeting held on January 2, 2015 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Performing winter and equipment maintenance.
- Thanked mechanics for a great job.

Foreman Erickson

- Performing winter and equipment maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Performing winter and equipment maintenance.

Office Mgr. Decker

- Working on yearend figures.
- Received official notice from State indicating we will be receiving the 100,000.00 through the frost damage grant monies in 3 to 4 weeks.

Project Manager Deatrck

- GI meeting will be held today for Mackinac Trail from Gaines Hwy to 12 Mile Road.

Engineer Krouth

- Gave update on renovations to front entryway.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**-None

**MANAGERS REPORT**

- Met with union and settled on BCBS renewal for this next year. Base plan is going to increase approximately 20.00 per pay period. BC/BS also approved the change to an August 1<sup>st</sup> renewal date. A notice to all employees is being sent out today outlining new rates and also informing employees of the open enrollment dates.
- Met with DNR regarding cooperative agreement for improvements to Allard Road which is an extension of 18 Mile Road off Riverside into the east. Improvements will be to approximately 1 mile of roadway. DNR is looking for additional access points for controlled burns around the Munoscong Bay area.
- Received official notice from State Director on our award of \$100,000.00 for last year's deep freeze. Payment is expected in 3 to 4 weeks.
- New trucks have been ordered. Expected delivery is late April to early May. Request for bids on Hydraulic and equipment are currently being advertized and will be opened on January 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Notice of Straits Area Council Meeting set for February 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Met with representative from DEQ yesterday regarding Leaking Underground Storage Tank sites. After DEQ drilling we can probably close Brimley, Soo and Rudyard. Will have to continue to monitor and work on Paradise, Drummond Island and Sugar Island sites. Mackinac Environmental is preparing work plans on these three sites.

- Have been invited to Brimley Schools for presentation to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> depending on weather.
- Big "Thanks" to Mechanics for putting the extra time in to keep us moving. They have been very busy.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**-None

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gagnon indicated he has found himself paying closer attention to the condition of the county roads.

There being no further business to come before the Board  
Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

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Christine A. McDowell  
Secretary for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman