

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on December 29, 2016.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Project Manager Jere, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman McConkey

ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$180,413.11 and Vouchers in the amount of \$58,510.57 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 15, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

NEW BUSINESS None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Busy couple of weeks dealing with a mix of rain/snow.
- Thanked the night crew for their long nights and hard work.
- Thanked the mechanic staff for keeping up with truck maintenance.

Foreman Goodman

- Busy couple of weeks dealing with a mix of rain/snow.
- Communicating with the snow groomer's club leader to improve conditions. Snow across the road has been an ongoing problem.

Office Manager Decker

- Working on Budgets.

Project Manager Jere

- Continuing to develop Safety Program.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Came out of the "trucks off the road" situation of two weeks ago with very little damage. The trucks are back on the road.
- Keeping up with continued maintenance.
- All is well.

Union President Hopper

- Really good Facebook communication.

Managers Report

- Manager Laitinen thanked Central Dispatch for their co-operation during the extraction of our equipment on December 15, 2016. The extreme conditions lead to three of our trucks going off the road. They helped organize Law Enforcement and safety at the sites for our crews.
- During that same Winter storm one State Trooper had made unnecessary comments over the radio about our staff. The Post Commander was contacted and was very responsive. He apologized and assured Manager Laitinen that that was not the attitude of the Post and would not happen again. Manager Laitinen thanked him and assured him there would be no ongoing effect on the working relationship between our agencies.
- The State Trooper presence today is because of a disgruntled resident with an unstable recent history. Manager Laitinen thanked him for his attendance today.

- Working on future Federal Aid projects to add to the five year plan. Will be coordinating with EUPTA. Meeting to be held soon.
- Developing a presentation for the Michigan Bridge Conference.

OLD BUSINESS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer stated that we should have a protocol for pulling the trucks off the roads. Manager Laitinen responded that we have clear instructions from the State on closure of State roads. As far as the County Roads he would like to keep that decision in the hands of the Regional Foreman.

Commissioner Ormsbee asked if the policy on adopting seasonal roads onto the road system is available to the public. Office Manager Decker replied that the policy is on our web-site.

Union President Hopper mentioned that more advanced notice from the Forrest Service on roads that need plowed is needed.

Chairman Timmer reminded the crews to stay safe.

Manager Laitinen reported that he was chosen for the Wetland Mitigation Board position.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board