

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on August 13, 2015.

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, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatrick, Foreman Erickson, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman McConkey Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Avery and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Foreman Pesola

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$116,751.43 and Vouchers in the amount of \$560,903.08 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 July 30, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Fill job on 13 Mile Road is coming along
- Sugar Island general maintenance

Foreman McConkey

- Working on Drummond Island on Cream City Pt. Rd.
- Pipe changes on Drummond Island
- Working on 18 Mile Road

Surveyor Wiggins

- Staking 13 Mile, Kinross Road and on Drummond Island
- Working on DEQ stream crossing permits

Chief Mechanic Avery

- Shop has been busy
- Three new trucks are being prepared for service
- The other new trucks are expected in the next few weeks

Union President Hopper

- New hand held radio's working great for traffic control
- Mentioned having one of our new trucks at the St Ignace truck show coming up in September, Discussion ensued

Project Manager Deatruck

- Attended pre-con meeting with Bacco regarding the Mackinac Trail project that is starting on Monday. The project should take about three weeks.
- Working on the Federal Aid Pickford Streetscape project

MANAGERS REPORT

- Worked on heavy equipment bids
- Putting bid together for culvert lining work on I-75
- Working on a couple culvert changes on M-123 for MDOT
- Met with Representative Pettalia, Chair of the Transportation Committee for the House. Discussion included road funding and mailbox issues. Good Meeting
- Attended the Straits Council meeting, received information on upcoming changes to the insurance pool
- Active with the MDOT negotiating committee for the new Maintenance Contract
- Made an agreement with an Amish gentleman for removal of the house across the street.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

DISCUSSION ON DARRINS WAY IN ARBOR RIDGE

Manager Laitinen acknowledged receipt of a letter from Steven Mills, current President of the Ridge Homeowners Association which covers the Darrins Way portion of the Arbor Ridge subdivision in Kinross and a letter of support from Kinross Township. They are requesting that Darrins Way be accepted onto the Chippewa County Road System. Manager Laitinen informed the Board that he has inspected the site and has a few concerns. Those being the man power needed; a section of the road that has several tight curves and an obvious dip in a section of the road. Manager Laitinen stated that he was the Surveyor on the job when the road was built and that in one area tree stumps were used for fill

material and that those stumps may be rotting causing the dip in the road. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to request that the Ridge Homeowners Association provide soil borings and a report with recommendations and cost estimates back to the Board.

MOTION CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON MDOT ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIONS

Manager Laitinen explained to the Board that on occasion MDOT sends us a State Police crash report and wants us to investigate and provide to them financial data so that they can recoup their repair cost with individuals or Insurance Companies. Many times these requests are coming months after the event took place and we have already repaired the damage. This is not a requirement outlined in our Maintenance Contract and comes off the top of our overhead allowance. The decision was made to draft a letter to MDOT indicating that we will no longer be providing that information. Chairman Timmer requested that we check with the Insurance pool and legal to be sure we are in good standing. Manager Laitinen stated he will draft a letter to be reviewed by the Board for the next meeting.

AWARD OF SUGAR ISLAND CUVERT BID

Engineer Krouth discussed the two bids received and why the difference between them was so much. Engineer Krouth recommends the acceptance of Team Elmers bid in the amount of \$156,650.00 pending BIA approval for the extra funds.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to accept the Team Elmers bid of \$156,650.00 for the replacement of a culvert on Sugar Island pending the BIA's approval of the extra funds.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF USED MOTER GRADER BID

Manager Laitinen went over the four bids received in detail. He indicated that the numbers were very favorable. Discussion ensued. Each bidder had time to explain their equipment and their warranties. Manager Laitinen's recommendation was to go with the Nortrax bid of a 2010 John Deere 772G grader for \$210,500.00. Commissioner Ormsbee stated that we should take advantage of the low pricing on another unit as well.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that we purchase the used 2010 John Deere from Nortrax and the new 2015 Case from Miller-Bradford and exercise the lease option on both.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF USED HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR & ATTACHMENTS

This piece of equipment is an insurance replacement for the excavator that burned up approximately one year ago. Manager Laitinen went over the three bids received in detail. His recommendation is the AIS 2011 Komatsu PC 200-8 and attachments for a total price of \$154,100.00

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that we purchase the 2011 Komatsu PC 200-8 and attachments for a total price of \$154,100.00 from AIS Equipment Corp.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - Union President Hopper mentioned that to plow a mile of road takes four trips down and back and thought it would take a lot of time for our plow driver to clear Darrins Way.

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore voiced that he was concerned that after testing was done on Darrins way that there would be another reason that the road would not be accepted.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Ormsbee said to keep up the good work and great safety. He thinks we are making the right decisions with our equipment purchases. These purchases will provide increased safety to our crews and the public, will help the shop to be less burdened by breakdowns, and will be able to better maintain the rest of the fleet.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Amy Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman