

**A PUBLIC HEARING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on December 30, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 A.M.

Purpose: General Appropriations Act for 2021.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon (via remote), Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore.

**ABSENT:**

**GUEST PRESENT: None**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to open the public hearing for discussion regarding 2021 General Appropriations Act.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued assuring that proper notices were posted on the website and at the county clerk's office. Website posting included instructions on how to obtain the link to attend the meeting remotely. No public was present for comment.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to close the Public Hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding the presented budget. This budget took into consideration the likelihood of continued decreased Michigan Transportation Funds as well as decreased federal funding based on planned projects for 2021. If lines of revenue normalize in 2021, the additional funds will be considered for paying off/down debts first and then additional funding for the OPEB Trust and additional capital outlays.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the General Appropriations Act for 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued regarding amendments to the 2020 budget. After adjustments to the financials using actual numbers through December 29, 2020 and estimating the remaining couple of days, it is estimated that we will end the year approximately with a \$20K deficit. This year has been filled with change and unforeseen reductions in funding due to the pandemic. To forecast a less than 1% deficit in funding with only 2 days left in the year is a sign of a well-managed year.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the 2020 Budget Amendment.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to pass Resolution 2020-04, granting fund balance transfer authorization.

**MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLLCALL VOTE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to grant transfer authorization, not to exceed 30%, for budget line-item deficit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to appoint Robert Laitinen, Manager as Chief Administrative Officer and Brian Decker, Office Manager as Fiscal Officer for 2021.

**MOTION CARRIED**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:04 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman