

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 May 3, 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 Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, Engineer Krouth, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$158,040.56 and Vouchers in the amount of \$441,249.90 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 Regular meeting minutes held on April 19, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore asked when the paving will begin in Kincheloe. Project Manager Jere stated that paving will begin on May 24, starting with Forest Lodge Dr. in Kincheloe. Kincheloe Dr will be in July. Supervisor Moore asked about the upcoming Business Spur construction project and how traffic will be handled. Mr. Moore mentioned that the Township is looking for some used/old sign posts. Manager Laitinen said he would check with the Sign Foreman to see if we had any.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Gravel Road maintenance.
- Collecting snow markers.
- Sink hole and pot hole repairs.
- Sugar Island gravel pit maintenance.
- Putting away the Winter equipment.

Foreman Goodman

- Pulling snow stakes.
- Emergency cross pipe repair on M-123 at Lost Lake.
- Culvert clean outs.

- Cold Patching
- Mentioned that in Mackinac County a large portion of the Riverbank collapsed along the Pine River and was dragged under the M-134 bridge. No damage was done.
- Received new patch trailer for the west end.

Foreman McConkey

- Truck/Equipment Maintenance
- Repaired washouts, one on Roe Road and the second on Drummond Island.
- Retrieving snow stakes. Several of the broken stakes will be cut down and reused.
- Gravel Road Maintenance.

Office Manager Decker

- Updating equipment rental rates.
- Working on PA202 spreadsheet for Treasury that reports OPEB liability numbers.
- Materials inventories, cold patch and emulsion.

Project Manager Jere

- DEQ Inspections. All went well for the first round of inspections.
- Safety Meeting was very successful. Lots of positive feedback about change of location.
- Fall paving follow-up inspections and preparing for remaining work this Spring.
- Summer project preparation.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended seminar at LSSU on concrete slag mixtures.
- MDOT held their mandatory pre-construction meeting for this seasons upcoming projects. All the old project files have been organized and hand delivered to MDOT.
- All of the Bridge Funding applications have been submitted.
- Baker Road Agreement and Resolution preparation.
- Lakeshore and Baker projects are both in the May 4th letting.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Maintenance on summer machinery and dumps.
- New patch trailer is in use and is working well.
- Toured Federal Signal and the Monroe Equipment Factory in Wisconsin. Researching different lighting options and other new accessories. Very interesting trip.

Union President Hopper

- Union President Hopper asked if Monroe had any resolution for our drag blades freezing up. Discussion ensued.

Managers Report

- The Bruce Township 15 Mile paving bids will be sent today and are due back by the 16th. The required completion date is August 7th.
- MDOT has established a paint striping pilot program where local agencies can piggyback on MDOT's contract. Manager Laitinen explained that the type of material used for striping is of a higher quality thus accounting for the slightly higher cost. Participation in the program is moving forward.
- Jennifer Michelin from 44 North presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield 2018/2019 renewal package. The renewal shows little change to the current plan pricing. Ms. Michelin mentioned that there was a possibility for savings if we looked into using their managed prescription program. Manager Laitinen asked her to re-work the renewal numbers using the managed prescription program. A Meeting will be scheduled with the Union to go over the renewal. It was noted by Manager Laitinen that this is the first renewal in years and years that came back flat.
- Met with Kevin Gouza from MDOT Newberry to go over the States summer maintenance plans. TWA's have been issued for shoulder and ditching work. MDOT is focusing on guardrail inspections and maintenance. Staff members doing inspections and repairs will be trained by MDOT.
- Safety Meeting went very well. Safety Manager Jere did an excellent job putting the day together, from Speakers to lunch.
- Seasonal Load Restrictions will be reviewed on Monday the 7th. Most paved roads are ready but gravel is not.
- Next Monday and Tuesday MSHA Mining Safety training will be held for all staff here in the Conference room.
- Attended the Straits Area meeting in Mackinac City. Denise Donohue with CRA spoke about actions being taken in Lansing to open ACT 51 and possibly change the funding distribution formula.
- Payne and Dolan will begin their paving operations on May 24.
- Miller Bradford will be holding a customer appreciation dinner at the Elks Club tonight from 4 to 8, all are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

MDOT Baker Road Contract

Authorization for Chairman Timmer to sign the Bakerside Road Contract and approval of Resolution #18-06

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to Authorize Chairman Timmer and Manager Laitinen to sign the Baker Road Contract and approval of Resolution #18-006.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer asked how many miles of gravel road need a Paser rating. Manager Laitinen noted it is 46 miles.

Chairman Timmer asked if we have had any additional project requests from the Townships, noting that the summer schedule is getting pretty full. Manager Laitinen stated that he is working with Sugar Island Township to establish a five year plan for Road improvements, but at this time no additional contracts are pending.

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore reported that an inspection was done on all Kincheloe housing streets. One street is in need of repairs this year and a five year plan will developed for Kincheloe Street repairs. Supervisor Moore asked about pavement markings for the housing area and for the bike path. Manager Laitinen said that markings for a Bike path would be considered but that typically residential streets don't have markings.

Union President Hopper asked if there was any information on when construction would begin again on M-123 at Black Creek and the M-28 overpass and ramps. Manager Laitinen indicated he has not received any project start dates from MDOT.

Foreman Erickson commented that he is very happy to see Baker Rd being taken care of.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned that he received a call from a Nicolet Road resident concerned about drainage. Manager Laitinen said he is aware of their concern and has been in communication with the resident.

Chairman Timmer reported that he attended the Straits Area Council Meeting. Discussion included new legislation that would extend the time period to perform State Maintenance/TWA work past the State's fiscal year end.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman