

**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, MI on November 14, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Engineer VanDorn, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

**ABSENT:**, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Mills

**GUEST PRESENT:** none

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$147,724.74 and Vouchers in the amount of \$352,356.11 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 regular meeting minutes on October 31, 2019 to include a correction of "snow-snaking" to "snow-staking" and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Capital Outlay Special Meeting on October 24, 2019 with the addition of the estimated capital outlay expenditures of \$1,583,000 (\$1.547M for list of seven items and \$36K for fuel systems) to be included.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None at this time.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Engineer VanDorn

- Curley Lewis Highway - Tunnel Vision has finished installing a pipe-liner in one pipe and will finish the 2<sup>nd</sup> one next week.
- Gaines Highway - the project went out for letting and Payne and Dolan were awarded the project.
- Attended a Pavement Asset Management training in Escanaba. There will be a significant learning curve to the new reporting requirements.
- Received notice that we were not awarded funding through the Federal Build Grant. No State of Michigan projects received funding. More details will be available at a later date.

Foreman Erickson

- Finished snow-staking.
- Took several loads of sand to Drummond Island.
- Roads are freezing up and creating a nice hard base.
- Jayson Cairns from Neebish Island has been transferred to the Sault garage.
- Graders have been out cutting the snow pack.

Foreman Goodman

- We have jumped into winter and have a couple of routes left to snow-stake.
- Our roads are in good shape and the gravel roads are frozen.

Foreman McConkey

No Report

Office Manager Decker

- We got a letter from Treasury indicating our back payments to correct their overpayment error is finished.
- The Windows 10 updates are proving to be a problem in the outlying garages. The computer needs to be on to update and with the lid closed it goes to sleep and won't update. The pending update eats up memory until it is complete and the updates take some time.

Clerk Christensen

- Learning the state reports with Brian.
- We have all of our drivers registered in the FMC Clearinghouse.
- Clerk Livermore and I visited Drummond Island to register the drivers there and then had a tour of the island so we have a better understanding of the area to aid in answering telephone questions.

Union President Mills

- No Report

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Visited the Paradise Garage site. Engineer VanDorn and I met with Ms. Nodurft, Mr. Bicknell, and Scott Schaefer from EGLE (MDEQ) regarding the site. Ms. Nodurft and Mr. Bicknell want the area fenced off for public protection. Due to concern regarding odor in the area, in the Spring, EGLE will do air quality testing

and soil testing of the seeps. If the data collected warrants such measures, we will explore this step. Discussion ensued.

- Rebecca Bolen from Regional Planning extended an invitation to the BPAC meeting. There was lots of representation from both sides of the border
- Had a conference call with the Unfunded Liability committee. No progress to report. Discussion ensued.
- Night patrol and winter weather started last week.
- We've been invited to a public meeting with the Bay Mills Tribe Environmental group.
- We've been asked to participate in the Downtown Parade of Lights the day after Thanksgiving.
- We've been contacted by Mary Scholander regarding planning for the UP-Road Builders conference. There is a room availability issue with the Bay Mills Casino. We will get more information.
- Presented an article on Monroe County where a contractor was awarded the local road maintenance contract and is failing to keep up with snow removal.
- The issues with the new shop truck are settled and the truck is ready for pickup.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Next meeting date change to Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to change the next meeting date to Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

#### **County Commissioners Comments**

Nothing at this time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time.

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman