

**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 April 7, 2016.

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, Clerk Price, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins.

**ABSENT:** Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

Foreman Pesola joined the meeting late.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$143,582.47 and Vouchers in the amount of \$260,143.98 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 March 24, 2016 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS-** Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that the roads in Kinross are slick this morning.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Surveyor Wiggins

- DEQ Permits are coming in.
- ACT 51 maps are complete.
- Working on the Hulbert Road project.

Office Manager Decker

- Working with the State Auditor on adjustments to the 2014 State Maintenance Contract

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Small Urban Meeting.
- Attended Field Manager and Paser Training.
- Handling permit calls.
- A Little Rapids Project pre-construction meeting will be held at the Road Commission on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 9:00 am. The DEQ permit has been received and we are waiting for the CORPS OF Engineers permit. We are planning a kickoff meeting in early May.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

- Payne & Dolan has been crushing material on Sugar Island to build the temporary road for the Causeway Project. It has been determined that access to the site is difficult due to the Spring break up and will not be able to provide enough material for the project. Manager Laitinen contacted the CORPS of Engineers to request use of rock they have available. He also is requesting ongoing use of their crushed material for erosion control and other projects that would affect the waterways.
- Chad Livengood with the Detroit News is a speaker at the upcoming Commissioners Conference. Have arranged for a tour of the Locks Facility. Discussion will include Locks funding and the Little Rapids Causeway project. This will bring great exposure to the area and possible coverage in a Detroit paper.
- Manager Laitinen was approached by resident Bill Munsel about vacating a street in Brimley from the road system. Research needs to be done to determine ownership of the road. Discussion ensued.
- A 40 acre parcel of land has come up for sale that would be beneficial to purchase. It would allow for the rerouting of 12 Mile Road by building a road and elimination of a bridge. Discussion ensued.
- Continuing to work the State Contract Negotiating Committee.
- Small Urban Meeting wet well, we got all our projects on the list.
- Holding interviews for the West End Foreman's position today and Friday.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE**

**APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TIMMER TO SIGN THE ACT 51 MAPS**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Chairman Timmer to sign the Act 51 maps.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL FOR CHAIRMAN TIMMER AND OFFICE MANAGER DECKER TO SIGN THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ATTEST PAGE**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Chairman Timmer and Office Manager Decker to sign the Annual Financial Report Attest Page.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENT WITH KINROSS TOWNSHIP**

Manager Laitinen read the contract to the Board and discussed the scope of work for Mackinac Trail from Gaines Hwy to the Township border.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the Township Road Agreement with Kinross Township.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-05 EXTENSION OF 19 MILE ROAD**

Manager Laitinen gave background information read the Resolution to the Board.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Resolution 2016-05.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**MILLAGE DISCUSSION**

The Chippewa County Millage is coming up for renewal. We can choose to start a new mileage or an extension of the current one. Discussion ensued. It was decided to gather additional information and have a Special Meeting to discuss the options on April 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore reported that the new Short Cut Road was approved by the Township. He asked if Manager Laitinen knew how the pavement prices were running? He responded about \$60 a ton. Manager Laitinen also reminded Township Supervisor Moore to submit a

request from the Kinross Township Board to the Road Commission Board for adoption of the Short Cut Road.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - None**

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

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board