

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 March 8, 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 Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to amend the agenda to include the discussion of Wetland Banking, Summer Intern use and staffing levels.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$173,355.94 and Vouchers in the amount of \$391,398.27 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 held on February 22, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Supervisor Moore wanted to thank Foreman Goodman and staff for steaming open frozen pipes on Base.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Mixture of weather conditions.
- Punching holes in snow banks to improve drainage.
- Pothole patching.
- Final delivery of winter salt received.
- Main truck garage got a spring cleaning.

Foreman Goodman

- Very busy with Winter Maintenance.
- Steaming pipes in the Kincheloe housing area.
- Hauled sand from the Norris Pit.
- Seasonal road maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Brush pile on Fairview Road has been cleaned up.
- Grader work on gravel roads.
- Opening ditches in preparation for the Spring thaw.
- Mechanic Fegan staying busy.

Office Manager Decker

- Auditors Anderson/Tackman are on site this week to perform the 2017 Audit.
- Section 115 Trust research and quotes. Discussion ensued.

Union President Hopper - None

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Met with Sault Ste Marie Street Dept. and they are interested in the used sign truck.
- New sign truck is in use.
- Sander and Patch trailer research.
- Garage is busy.

Managers Report

- Legislators have passed a bill approving the use of the 2017 Michigan Budget surplus on Roads. When signed by the Governor CCRC would receive approximately \$475,000 in funding. Manager Laitinen has recommended using the funding for a stream crossing project on Sugar Island and repairs for the northern two miles of Ranger Rd.
- The new sign truck is in use and turned out very nice. Repairs have been made on the old sign truck and it is ready to be sold.
- Received notice that the Lakeshore Dr and the Baker Side Rd projects should be in the May letting.
- The two year Business Spur/Round-a-bout project has been awarded to M & M Excavating.
- Brow Crushing has moved their equipment to Sugar Island to crush gravel for us.
- Hot Patch trailer research with Chief Mechanic Marsh and Office Manager Decker. Manager Laitinen went over the specs on the two models being considered. The trailers are available on the MI Deal purchasing site.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the purchase of two Hot Patch Trailers up to \$42,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

- Attended a Smart Road Development meeting with Soo Co-op Credit Union Management, Soo Township Supervisor Perron and an interested developer. It was a productive meeting.
- HB 5648 has been introduced to disband the Wetland mitigation bank fund advisory board; and distribute money allocated to local agency wetland mitigation bank to the Michigan Municipal Wetland Alliance and the department of natural resources. Discussion ensued. Manager Laitinen has requested a meeting with the HB 5648 sponsor, Representative Roger Victory. He hopes to meet with him next week at the Highway Conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Bid Opening Stainless Steel Sanders

Manager Laitinen reviewed the three bids received and recommends awarding the bid to Truck & Trailer Specialties for \$36,542.00.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the purchase of three stainless steel sanders from Truck and Trailer Specialties.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Timmer stated that he would like to see Regional Planning involved in overseeing and management of the Wetland Banking program. Discussion ensued on possible changes due to HB #5648.

Chairman Timmer mentioned the use of interns for the busy summer construction and maintenance season. He also mentioned with the addition of the mowing equipment, hot patch trailers, and the crack sealing unit we will most likely need more fulltime staff. Manager Laitinen asked the Area Foreman to come back to him with staffing recommendations for their regions.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kinross Supervisor Moore mentioned the bumps on Mackinac Trail are back. He stated that Payne and Dolan will be paving Kincheloe Dr. this season. Supervisor Moore asked Manager Laitinen if he has had any contact with Ms. Hoffman with the Sault Tribe. Manager Laitinen

replied no. Supervisor Moore mentioned that Kinross Township will be working on developing a road inventory and a project priority list.

Foreman Erickson mentioned that Soo Equipment Operator George Miller has retired. We all wish George a long and happy retirement.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman