

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 February 8, 2017.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Foreman Erickson
Surveyor Wiggins

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$159,028.58 and Vouchers in the amount of \$274,757.52 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 January 26, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Schedule Special Meeting.

Manager Laitinen asked to schedule a Special Meeting to go over and award the Pickup Truck Bid and for the Managers Evaluation.

Special Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 14th, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor thanked Sign Foreman Young for the new Short Cut Road ahead signs and their placement. He asked about the possibility of doing a traffic count in the Spring. Supervisor Moore reported that their Board voted Monday to add Forrest Lodge Road to the list of projects covered by Tribal funds. Wendy Hoffman with the Sault Tribe of Indians has allocated \$20,000 a year for the next five years.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Goodman

- Nice break in weather.
- Back to Winter maintenance.
- Freezing rain eating away at the Salt supply.

Foreman McConkey

- Had about a week break in weather.
- Back to freezing rain and drifting.
- Shop has been busy but keeping up.

Office Manager Decker

- Year end is just about complete.
- Audit will be the first week in March.
- The 457 switch is coming in March, information has been sent to all employees and retirees that have participated.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Working on construction machinery.
- Keeping up on repairs.

Union President Hopper - No report

MANAGERS REPORT

- Developing evaluation forms and tailoring for different positions.
- Working with Chief Mechanic Marsh on Sign Truck Specs.
- Continuing to develop the Wetland Banking Program, focusing on ease of use. There is quite a bit of interest from other Counties.
- The Presentation for the Bridge Conference is about complete. Chairman Timmer asked Manager Laitinen to submit any printed articles to CRA.
- Attended the Managers Workshop. Discussion ensued.
- Received a phone call from MDOT'S Economic Development Office. They had identified available funding. We submitted an application to make improvements to the Sugar Island Ferry Dock area. It's looking pretty favorable!
- Gravel inventories are being looked at.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Timmer recommended that we review all the Road Commission Policies starting next meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer mentioned he really likes the bright yellow safety coats and reminded the staff to stay safe.

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

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman