

**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 October 6, 2016.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Manager Laitinen, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere and Chief Mechanic Marsh

**ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to add Discussion of Deferred Compensation Program to the Agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$123,841.26 and Vouchers in the amount of \$2,355,538.50 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 September 22, and the Special Meeting on September 29, 2016

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked if we knew the start date for paving in Kinross Township. David Deatruck answered; no we do not have a date.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Goodman

- Brush Hog is out along the Curly Lewis Hwy.
- Working on the shoulders along M-123 in the Trout Lake area for the State.
- North Hulbert Road has been seeded and mulched and is complete.
- County Road Maintenance.
- Snow Staking and putting up Ice Sand.

Foreman McConkey

- 600 feet on 20 Mile left to do.
- Grader is out on the gravel roads.
- Snow Staking and putting up Ice Sand.

Foreman Erickson

- The whole crew has been out on the 12 Mile Box Culvert job. During the excavating process we ran into unstable soils which caused an untimely collapse of the sub-grade resulting in water issues and an unstable cofferdam. As a result it was decided to put the Box Culvert project on hold until the 2017 season.
- The AMZ machine is in use on the West end.
- Grader is out doing gravel road maintenance.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Was on the 12 Mile Box Culvert job all week. Gave a timeline of the happenings and described the jobsite.
- Having an onsite meeting with DEQ Rep. John Gustafson to discuss options at the 12 Mile site.

Office Manager Decker

- Winter salt is coming in next week.
- MDOT authorized a purchase of 3500 snow stakes to be used on State roads.
- Blades coming in by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

Dave Deatrck

- Working with Field Manager, closing out jobs.
- Had a Federal review of the Federal Aid Pavement Marking project.

Union President Hopper

- Thanked Manager Laitinen for pulling off the 12 Mile job, keeping safety in mind.

**MANAGERS REPORT**

- In Manager Laitinen's absence Surveyor Wiggins reported on the Little Rapids Project. The deck pour took place and went very well. They poured 674 yards of concrete overnight in 12 hours.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE**

**APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH THE SAULT SAINTE MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIRMAN TIMMER TO SIGN.**

Chairman Timmer explained that this is a contract for the paving of John Patrick Dr. in Kincheloe. The cost of the project is \$19,300.00 and the Tribe has approved payment in full. There is no cost to the County or the Township.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the contract with the Sault Sainte Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and authorization for Chairman Timmer to sign.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DISCUSSION OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

During the Special Meeting on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> we received a presentation from Joleen Christine with Morgan Stanley Wealth. The concept being that Companies that are currently handling the 457 Deferred Comp Plans for our employees have a proven track record of not managing in the best interest of the Road Commission but for themselves. By moving to a Management Company that is a third party, we would receive education, monitoring of funds and unbiased investment information.

Chairman Timmer feels we would be doing a disfavor to our employees by not going to this Management Firm that decreases costs and increases returns.

Manager Decker explained that there is no additional cost to the Road Commission for the service.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee for Manager Decker to move forward with development of an investment policy to accept Morgan Stanly as our third party administrator.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Whitefish Township resident Nikki Craig thanked Manager Laitinen for his cooperation involving the old Paradise Road Commission garage. She asked the Board for permission to take pictures of the site for her project. Chairman Timmer answered yes and thanked her for her effort to clean up the site.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Commissioner Gagnon asked about the Dark Store issue and if we are going to lend support. Office Manager Decker answered that he is working on the language for the letter of support and checking on the legality of lending financial support.

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff for their effort on the 12 Mile site and reminded the staff to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board