

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 June 27, 2019.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Union President Mills, Payroll/H.R. Clerk Livermore, and Clerk Ranta

ABSENT: Chief Mechanic Marsh

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$141,692.01 and Vouchers in the amount of \$438,422.23 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

Chairman Timmer asked Office Manager Decker if there were any special items from Vouchers that were paid this time. He responded that included in the Voucher amount was \$300,000.00 that was being transferred from Central Savings Bank to a deposit savings account at Old Mission Bank. The other large item was for a Skid Steer at the price of \$78,000.00

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 11, 2019.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the regular meeting minutes on June 11, 2019.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- The crew has been busy dealing with rain and bad culvert issues.
- Extra runoff this season has eroded Dunbar Road along the Charlotte river so the crew is working on widening and repairing the road.
- Several various crews are out working on the roads to patch, repair or grind down the bumps.
- Tearing out the shop floor and re-pouring to repair bumps and cracks.

Foreman Goodman

- Finished up brining in our area.

- Working in Whitefish Township on the flooded roads.
- Patching up the roads.
- Have been working on 6 different cross pipes.

Foreman McConkey

- It's been a full couple of weeks dealing with rain and beaver issues.
- Started working on 21 Mile Road.
- Plan to work on ditching issues next week.
- Our mechanic is staying busy. He's a great worker and very conscientious.

Office Manager Decker

- Spent time on Tuesday at the Brimley garage, putting them on the new payroll system.
- Discussed taking advantage of propane prices before September 1st and purchasing our own propane tanks versus renting them. Also looking into gas pumps. Contacting vendors and looking at options. Will also look into MiDeal and Sourcewell options as well.

Union President Mills

- Discussed the safety committee. Four members were interested. Will schedule a meeting with Manager Laitinen in the near future.

Payroll/H.R. Clerk Livermore

- Working on quarterly payroll reports.
- Will test electronic deposit with the first pay in July which will be Thursday, July 11, 2019.
- Working on October meeting in the Sault with UP Road Builders' clerks.

Engineer VanDorn

- Received comments on the Gaines Highway Project at the U.P. Road Builder's meeting. Will submit the project by the end of this week and am hoping for an August letting.
- Received word that the Curley Lewis project will have a July 12th letting.
- Continuing to work with the Lakeshore Drive project. All wedging is complete and they are starting on paving.
- Bay Mills Tribe will be enforcing the separated path at the Lakeshore Drive project as a non-motorized vehicle path.
- Finished the local paving package. It is a sizable package.
- Federal BUILD grant is due July 15, 2019. Working to complete the application. Discussion ensued.
- The Graymont Community Grant for Trout Lake was denied.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Currently communicating with elected officials from Washington to our local county levels to gain letters of support for the Build Grant. Discussion ensued.
- Attended and presented at LSSU's Quality of Life Conference this past week. Presentation was related to our Little Rapids Project.
- Working with Cloverland on our wetland preservation site in the Detour area.
- Working on a deal for a new mowing tractor which is mentioned later in the agenda.
- Finished up meeting with Township Supervisors and working on Township Road Agreements.
- Discussed on our completion dates as it relates to our projects such as the Curley Lewis and the late dates of their letting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Chippewa Township Road Agreement
MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Chippewa Township Road Agreement for improvements to Hungry Hollow Road for a total of \$21,845.00 for said road.

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- Trout Lake Township Road Agreement
MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Trout Lake Township Road Agreement for improvements to S. Birch St, W. Front St., and W. Main St. for a combined total of \$90,945.00 for said roads.

MOTION CARRIED

- Approval to Wire Money to OPEB Trust Account and Authorize Chairman Timmer and Manager Laitinen to Sign Request.
MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve to Wire Money to OPEB Trust Account and Authorize Chairman Timmer and Manager Laitinen to Sign Request in the amount of \$250,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED

- Title Sheet for Gaines Highway Reconstruction Project Signature Page
MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to sign the title sheet for the Gaines Highway Reconstruction Project.

MOTION CARRIED

- Call for Board of Trustee Candidates Notice from CRASIF
The call for Board of Trustee Candidates was read and noted.
- Mowing equipment purchase

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the purchase of a new mowing tractor through Sourcewell for \$129,916.00.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon and **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the purchase of a 9' disc mower unit from Skinner's for \$17,595.00.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Reaffirm Board Policies #11 & #13:
This is tabled until the next meeting.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee questioned the total dollar amount for the local road package. Engineer VanDorn replied it was roughly two million dollars.

Chairman Timmer was impressed with the quality of the recent milling work done on Mackinac Trail.

He also encouraged everyone to stay safe!

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 A.M.

Stephanie A Ranta
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman