

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 September 11, 2014.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer and LaJoie, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Mgr. Deatrick, Engineer Askwith, Foreman Pesola, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee and Surveyor Wiggins

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$120,477.61 and Vouchers in the amount of \$362,346.58 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 28, 2014 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Twp Jim Moore questioned the paving which was completed on Gaines Hwy.

Manager Laitinen stated he would go and take a look at the work which was performed.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Working on Vermillion Road
- Working on Forest Rd in Dafter
- Performing general road maintenance
- Cleaning up after last Thursday's wind storm

Foreman Erickson

- Crews working on 3 Mile Road on Sugar Island
- General road maintenance
- State shoulder work
- Cleaning up after last Thursday's wind storm

Foreman McConkey

- Performing ditching and pipe replacement in Raber
- Hanna Road completed
- Working on State shoulders on M-48 west
- Cleaning up after last Thursday's wind storm

Project Manager Deatruck

- Reith-Riley has completed all the milling work at the various bridge approaches and now working on completing the paving.
- Attending the progress meetings for the water main project the Tribe is doing on 3 Mile and Seymour Road. Trying to make sure traffic control and flagging are being performed correctly. Condition of the permit is that they restore the ditch bed to our satisfaction.

Engineer Askwith

- Progress on the salt barn continues. Walls are being constructed and painted on the ground and should be erected next week.
- Little Rapids RFP's were distributed and were scheduled to meet with the contractors September 23rd and 24th to answer any questions or concerns they may have.
- Have sent out quotes for improvements to the front entrance to be submitted by Monday, September 15th.

Union President Hopper stated one of the union members voiced his concerns of Central Dispatch calling out the Rudyard or Kinross Fire Dept. to help cut trees off the roadway.

Manager Laitinen stated he hadn't heard of anything regarding this type of action and indicated unless they had been called out because there was a tree on fire. Manager Laitinen stated he would check with Central.

Union President Hopper asked what is going on with the project out in Bay Mills where the roadway is torn up.

Project Manager Deatruck stated they are suppose to be paving this roadway.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Letter sent to DEQ two weeks ago, no response yet.
- Working on BIA agreement for Kinross Streets and Sugar Island storm damage.
- Held conference call yesterday regarding the 2013 Rural Task Force Federal Aid carry over balances. After negotiations between CRAM and MDOT we have been award the balance left in 2013 of \$57,000.00. We are going to obligate these funds this fall

for county wide pavement markings with work to be performed in the spring.

- Attended Negotiation Meeting at Shanty Creek. Main discussion was Marquette Counties interest in a performance based Maintenance Contract with MDOT. After discussions I agreed to look at partnering with Marquette County to try a pilot program not on a county wide but for only one route.
- Reported on equipment fire last Thursday on our wheeled excavator/brush hog machine. It was a total loss and have been working with insurance company to see what we will get for coverage for this piece of equipment.
- Thanked crews for their great response and hard work during the wind storm last Thursday.
- Took delivery this week of the new vehicle for the Manager.

Manager Laitinen presented request from MDOT to have the Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of the Road Commission sign the Annual Certification of Employee Related Conditions which is compliance to Public Act 51, Section 18j, MCL 247.668J. He stated this is a new requirement under PA152, which we must certify that either our compensation plan or our health care plan is in compliance with MCL 247.668j.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to authorize Chairman Timmer and Office Manager Decker to sign the Annual Certification of Employee Related Conditions.

MOTION CARRIED

Project Manager Deatrlick presented bid tabulations for Pavement Markings received on September 10, 2014. There were two bidders, P-K Contracting and Michigan Pavement Markings LLC. Bids were requested for both 4" regular dry marking and 4" waterborne marking. PK Contracting was low bidder on both items. Project Manager Deatrlick recommended we award the bid to PK Contracting for the 4" regular dry polyurea marking in the amount of \$36,433.88.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to award the Pavement Marking bid to PK Contracting in the amount of \$36,433.88.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented and reviewed bid tabulations for County Wide Paving projects received on September 10, 2014. There were two bidders, Payne & Dolan and Reith-Riley. Payne & Dolan was low bidder for all locations. Total amount of paving for the requested locations will be \$1,231,856.05. This price is 59,845.00 over his original estimate. The difference being noted in two projects the Kinross Streets and work on Neebish Island. Manager Laitinen recommended proceeding with award of the total bid package.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to award the HMA Paving Package as presented to Payne & Dolan in the amount of 1,231,856.05.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented Township Road Agreement with Kinross Township for improvements to 12 Mile Road (Lockhart) for a distance of 1.0 miles. Improvements to consist of: clearing, sand subbase, aggregate base, drainage improvements, and slope restoration. Township share shall be \$32,749.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Township Road Agreement with Kinross Township for improvements to 12 Mile Road (Lockhart) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented Township Road Agreement with Drummond Island Township for improvements to Cream City Point Road for a distance of 0.77 miles. Improvements to consist of clearing, subbase, aggregate surface, drainage improvements and slope restoration. Total township share shall be \$62,636.00.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve the Township Road Agreement with Drummond Island Township as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Union President Hopper asked about date for arbitration hearing.

Manager Laitinen stated the arbitration hearing is scheduled for October 7th at 10:00 a.m. here at the Road Commission office. Mr. North will again be the arbitrator. We have invited Ms. Wendy Hardt to attend.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner LaJoie and Timmer both thanked crews for a great job this past Thursday.

Commissioner Timmer stated he also appreciates the level of community involvement we have from our employees and encouraged this type of activity.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell
Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman