

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 August 22, 2019.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Engineer VanDorn, Union President Mills, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$140,341.24 and Vouchers in the amount of \$258,970.93 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes on August 8, 2019. Chairman Timmer offered clarification to Board Comments from August 8, 2019 meeting, indicating the conversation was regarding developing seasonal roads, not paving.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Holden, owner of Four Seasons Market in Brimley, voiced concern for safety of cyclists and pedestrians using the new shoulder of the road between the State Campground and M-221. Asked for some type of barrier to be considered to distinguish between the road lane and the non-motorized lane. Discussion ensued.

Kinross Township Supervisor, Jim Moore, stated the fair starts Monday.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Lakeshore construction project complete and finalizing documentation with MDOT.
- Curley Lewis project has been approved and awarded to Payne and Dolan
- We do not have a bid letting date for Gaines Highway yet.
- Starting GI submittal for Ranger Road.

Foreman Erickson

- Work on Six Mile and Westshore on Sugar Island is going well.

- The brush-hog is in use.
- We are getting ready to move the screen plant to the Sault.
- The AMZ is working on Riverside Drive.

Foreman McConkey

- Finished up 21 Mile Road.
- Moved to E. Clay Road.
- Finished up the brushing.
- Taking care of seasonal roads.
- Finishing up the mowing. Neebish Island is next.
- Mechanic doing a great job getting garage ready for winter.

Foreman Goodman

- Finished the box culvert on Swieger Creek - the crew did a beautiful job.
- A slide show of photos taken of the work was shown. The file will be forwarded to the CRA office.
- Shouldering has begun on 123N - from 7 miles north of M28 to 3 miles south of Curley Lewis.

Office Manager Decker

- Truck 714 is back in time for winter.
- We got the new actuarial report to submit with our corrective action plan and puts us at proper funding for OPEB within 10 years.
- Training the new accounts payable clerk.

Union President Mills

- All is good.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- The low-boy trailer has arrived.
- Completing significant, routine shop work.
- Road widener is working but we will need to do some maintenance next week.

MANAGER' S REPORT

- Full width mowing on Trunk Line will start on M-48, M134, M-80. Approval has been received from MDOT.
- We will participate on 9/11/19 at the Pickford School Opportunity Fair. This is an upper-class career fair for students considering occupations not requiring a college degree.

- Will be approaching townships regarding local paving. Looking at other options. Discussing combining this year's funding with next year's funding for bigger projects.
- We can't do any chip-seal after September 1, 2019 due to night temperature restrictions.
- Attended the Raber Township meeting. Resident on Rocky Point Road upset paving not done this year. Discussion ensued.
- The CCRC was featured in an article in Crossroads Magazine. We submitted a write-up and photos featuring our bank slicer.
- Abby Christensen joins us as the new accounts payable clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Two options for "Fixing MI Roads" signs were presented. It was agreed the sign which includes the lower peninsula will be used with a separate sign for funding sources below.
- B. The Pickford Dental building has been sold. The building encroaches the Pleasant Street right of way. A license agreement was presented to continue to allow this encroachment after the sale was presented. **MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SEONDED** by Chairman Timmer to accept license agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

- C. A request to plow Molly Gibson Road in Trout Lake Township was presented. This is a seasonal, 1 lane road, not built to withstand the plow. Discussion ensued and the request was denied.
- D. A petition to discontinue/abandon West Postma Road in Kinross Township was presented. This is a seasonal road with three residents, all who signed the petition. Discussion ensued. More information requested for next meeting.
- E. Resolution 2019-10 - Local Pavement Warranty Program. State law requires a resolution to be recorded. **MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SEONDED** by Chairman Timmer to sign resolution.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL

- F. Direct deposit update: Board Clerk Livermore reported we are making good progress on getting the crew set-up with payroll direct deposit. Currently we have 41% of the staff participating and more turning in their documents daily. The foremen are asked to remind their crews to turn in their authorization form and necessary documents to Bobbie before the end of September. As of October, if they don't opt to participate, they will receive a paper check.

OLD BUSINESS

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee appreciates the pride our crews take in our facilities and asks that the large hole in the driveway to the Kinross salt-shed be fixed.

Chairman Timmer confirmed the local painting has started.

Chairman Timmer has observed several garages are being left open during the day when crews are out working. Due to risk and liability, it has been requested the garages be secured when crews are out.

Stay safe!

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:28 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman