

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 June 16, 2016.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Engineer Krouth, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins,

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$123,625.28 and Vouchers in the amount of \$493,715.79 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 2, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Maintaining roads, putting down gravel & grading in the Detour & Goetzville areas.
- Ditching job on M-48 for the State.
- Mechanic busy.
- Foreman McConkey thanked the Board and Manager Laitinen for the pay increase.

Foreman Goodman

- Regular Road Maintenance.
- Working on N. Hulbert Road/fill and culvert replacement.

- Grading the shoulders on M-123 between M-28 and Trout Lake.

Foreman Erickson

- Finished up Seasonal Road maintenance.
- Prepped gravel roads for brine in Dafter and Bruce Townships.
- Working on the 13 Mile fill job.
- Screen plant set up in the Brocklehurst pit.
- Working on cleaning up the yard.
- Two new hires working hard doing a good job.
- Cold Patching on I-75 ramps and shoulders.
- Ditching and cross pipe replacement on Scenic Dr.
- Foreman Erickson thanked the Board and Manager Laitinen for the pay increase.

Chairman Timmer asked Foreman Erickson if he thought that bringing the roads cut down on maintenance. Foreman Erickson responded that yes, he felt that it reduced the time dragging and greatly reduces complaints. Discussion Ensued.

Office Manager Decker

- Has been working with Jesse Knoll on how to wire all the Garages for internet also found a source for inexpensive refurbished laptops. Looking into Exede internet service for the outside garages.
- On July 19 each staff member will be photographed for the purpose of an ID badge. This is a free service from Central Dispatch of Chippewa County.
- Financials are completed through May 2106.

Engineer Krouth

- The Causeway project has switched over to the temporary access road and it was paved this morning. The crane is coming in next week to assemble the piers and abutments. Two local Sugar Island residents will be used by the contractor for crane operations. Kickoff meeting is the 28th.
- The Gogomain Road in Pickford in under construction. The new curb is in from M-129 to the Bridge. Starting on sidewalk.
- The Townline Road pre-con meeting will be held on Friday.
- The pavement marking contractor is here working on Shunk and Piche Roads today and moving on from there.

- Bridge Inspector was here to review our 12 Bridges on the Critical Bridge list. Also talked about the new bridges being constructed and having them added to the list.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop has been very busy.
- Our oldest lowboy tractor has failed and will be added the sale list.
- The tandem truck project is coming along, the box lining and the lighting have been finished. No green lights installed yet.
- Gathering information on pricing, style and availability of the newly approved green lighting. Discussion Ensued.
- New teeth were installed on the brush hog and it's working well.

Union President Hopper - No Report

MANAGERS REPORT

- Attended the U.P. Road Builders Conference held at the Keweenaw Mountain Lodge in Cooper Harbor. Good discussion was held by Moderator Jim Iwanicki regarding team management and communication. Discussion Ensued. Manager Laitinen stated that he felt that in order for good communication to flow through the organization that the Foreman should attend all regular meetings. A second good discussion involved the identification of Meth Lab materials and how to handle them if found on the roadside and security in the office place.
- Completed an agreement with the Forrest Service for work on Teets Road. Permit is in hand.
- Completed an agreement with the DNR for work on Allard Road. Doing about 4/10th of a mile for a contract price of \$12,411. The project is 100% funded by the DNR.
- Working on the final bid packages for the 12 Mile and Teets Road projects.
- Completed two Road Agreements for Bruce Township.
- Working on pricing on the new green lights with Chief Mechanic Marsh.
- Received a survey from the CRA President asking about our interaction with the logging industry. They are considering forming a dispute resolution team.
- Had a discussion with Engineer Doug Mills from Baraga County regarding nuisance Beaver permits. The DNR permits issued for

MDOT Roads will not allow shooting which has been acceptable in the past.

- Continuing to work with the State on TWA work.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

AWARD OF GRAVEL BID

Manager Laitinen went over the gravel bids. There were four bidders. His recommendation is to accept the low bid from Con-Agg as the primary supplier and Brow Crushing on an as needed/as available basis.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the low bid from Con-Agg as the primary supplier and Brow Crushing on an as needed/as available basis.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF TWO SOO TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACTS

Manager Laitinen read the two Township contracts to the Board and discussed the scope of work proposed. Improvements are for 5 Mile and Baker Side Road.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee for approval of the two Soo Township Road Contracts.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF DETOUR TOWNSHIP ROAD CONTRACT

Manager Laitinen read the Township contract to the Board and discussed the scope of work proposed. Improvements are for Spring Bay Road and South Caribou Lake Road

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee for approval of the Detour Township Road Contract.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF EMPLOYEE RELATED CONDITIONS AND AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN TIMMER AND OFFICE MANAGER DECKER TO SIGN.

Office Manager Decker explained that this is a requirement to be in compliance with Public Act 51 of 1951, MCL247.668j(1).

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee for approval of annual certification of employee related conditions and authorize Chairman Timmer and Office Manager Decker to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

MCRCSIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Manager went over the open positions, two in the Upper Peninsula and one At-Large. He recommends supporting Dennis Stanek and Joseph Valente for the Upper Peninsula openings and Christopher Sholander for the At-Large opening. Chairman Timmer also supports and recommends Christopher Sholander.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to support Dennis Stanek and Joseph Valente for the Upper Peninsula openings and Christopher Sholander for the At-Large opening for the MCRCSIP Board.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore asked Manager Laitinen if the Tribe will be coming forward with funding for their street. Manager Laitinen responded that he is hoping to have a meeting with them next week. He mentioned he saw the paint trucks out and asked if they will be doing Tilson Road as well. Manager Laitinen stated that no they are a different contractor but that Tilson will be getting the line painting soon. Kinross Township Supervisor Moore talked about involvement of County and Township officials at the Road Commission meetings. He felt that they should be in attendance. Mr. Moore then asked about maintaining Tribal Roads when they don't participate in funding either the County or Township road millage. Manager Laitinen said that because those roads appear on the certification maps we have a legal obligation to maintain them. Discussion ensued.

Union President Hopper commented that he felt that brining the roads makes a big difference and he would like to see more of it done at intersections. He also mentioned the heavy hauling on Hulbert Road and wanted to know if we could restrict it. Manager Laitinen stated that we have a heavy hauling policy but it is difficult to restrict hauling. We are watching the road closely.

Foreman McConkey thanked Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins and Engineering Technician Jere for their work in Pickford, it looks great.

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore interjected that he would like to see a price per mile program for brining roads. Manager Laitinen said he liked the idea and would gather information for next year.

Foreman Goodman also thanked the Board for the pay increase and thanked his crews for all their hard work.

Manager Laitinen mentioned that he was asked to speak in Lansing on our Local Road Building program. As a way of documenting our work two time lapse cameras have been ordered.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff for their hard work and reminded them to stay safe. Share information.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:18 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board