

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 February 26, 2015.

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

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, Ormsbee and Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey.

ABSENT: Chief Mechanic Avery, Foreman Pesola, Project Manager Deatrck.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$175,650.13 and Vouchers in the amount of \$67,877.64 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 February 12, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- General winter maintenance
- Equipment maintenance

Foreman McConkey

- General winter maintenance
- Equipment maintenance

Surveyor Wiggins

- Attended surveyors conference
- Working on DEQ Permits
- Beginning work on Act 51 Maps

Office Manager Decker

- Audit has been completed
- Presented year end financials
- Gave update on new water heater installed in Soo garage.

Engineer Krouth

- Gave update on Sugar Island Causeway project.
- Attended meeting with Manager Laitinen regarding resurfacing project for Gogomain Road from M-129 to Pennington Road.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Reported on CRAM Hwy Conference which he and Commissioners attended last week. A lot of discussion on Proposal 1.
- He has been invited by the League of Women Voters to speak at an educational seminar on Proposal 1 at LSSU sometime in April.
- Has invited Representative Chatfield to stop in for a visit and would like to plan on taking him on a tour of the Soo garage on March 20th around 3:00 p.m.
- Received Proposal 1 materials from CRAM yesterday but hasn't had opportunity to review yet.
- As a result of last weeks Negotiation Meetings he has been selected to serve on a subcommittee to research the installation of GPS system which may be mandated under our State Maintenance contract.
- Also discussed during our Negotiation Meeting is MDOT's intention to implement a performance base state maintenance contract instead of an audit to cost basis which is how our current contract was established. Our current State Maintenance Contract runs through September of 2016.
- Will begin working on bid specifications for new pickup trucks and brush hog in the coming week.
- He noted the nice write up and picture in the Evening News from Brimley Schools for the Road Commissions truck safety presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Supervisor Moore indicated the MTA Meetings are being held again with the next one scheduled for March 19th at 6:30 p.m.

Manager Laitinen asked if he thought it would be a problem for him to come and talk about Proposal 1.

Supervisor Moore indicated he didn't see any problem with that.

Chairman Timmer mentioned asking townships to update their 5 year road plans at the MTA Meeting.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon stated that he learned a lot at the new commissioners seminar he attended during the CRAM Conference last week.

Chairman Timmer stated we saw all of our current U.P. Representatives at the CRAM Conference and is really encouraged and feels overall they are working together for us.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell
Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman