

**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 October 19, 2017.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Chairman Timmer, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$119,888.79 and Vouchers in the amount of \$691,608.35 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meetings held on October 5, 2017.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- Financials are out for September.
- Security system will be tied in with the phone system next Wednesday.
- Attending the U.P. Clerks Meeting today and tomorrow in Escanaba.

Foreman McConkey

- Hewer Rd. is complete; it was a big fill job. Working on touching up the shoulders. The guys did a great job.
- Hanna Road and 20 Mile have been paved.
- Dragging gravel roads.
- Mechanic Shop is busy.
- Putting up winter salt/sand.

Foreman Goodman

- Brush Hog is being used in Rudyard.
- Seasonal Road maintenance.
- Snow markers being set and putting up salt/sand.

Union President Hopper

- Asked if we have received a plowing agreement from the Forest Service for this winter. Manager Laitinen indicated that we have not received an agreement from the Forest Service yet.

Engineer Krouth

- Contract & Resolution work for the 9 Mile box culvert project.
- The next Straits Area Council Meeting is on November 7th.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Making a final pass through the equipment before winter.
- Shop is doing well.

Commissioner Ormsbee asked about the repairs to the water pump/well. Officer Manager Decker replied that the problem was identified and fixed but additional work to the system is needed.

Managers Report

- Manager Laitinen reported on his three day trip to Lansing. Monday was a meeting of the General Policy Committee. The committee is reviewing policy and setting priorities, it was a very interesting day. Tuesday was a meeting of the Wetland Banking Group. An individual has been chosen for the Wetland Banking Board Manager and been offered the position. The group is waiting for their response. The final day was a meeting of the Joint Agency Transportation Oversight Committee. Discussion focused on the DEQ's request for Bank full width specifications.
- Received new Target allocation from MDOT and Regional planning for next year's Federal Aid dollars. It is showing an increase.
- Letter of support written to the City of Sault Ste Marie for repairs to the Carbide Dock.
- Foreman Erickson is attending the yearly MDOT Emergency Winter Operations meeting in Newberry today.
- Engineer Krouth and Manager Laitinen will be giving a presentation on the Little Rapids Project to a group representing Environmental Canada and the United States E.P.A. at Lake Superior State University.
- MDOT Night Operations will begin on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to Eckerman Foreman Todd Davis on his upcoming retirement.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2017-04

Resolution 2017-04 is written in Support of MDOT Contract #17-5420. This Contract is for a culvert replacement on 9 Mile Rd.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to

approve Resolution #2017-04 and authorize Vice-Chairman Ormsbee and Supt/Mgr Laitinen to sign.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS** None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

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

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Amy L Price  
Clerk for the Board

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Bradley Ormsbee  
Vice-Chairman