

A REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on August 27, 2015.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatruck, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Foreman McConkey, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Avery and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Chairman Timmer, Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$118,547.82 and Vouchers in the amount of \$60,577.65 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 Meeting held on August 13, 2015 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Mechanic Avery

- New Grader was delivered today
- General Maintenance, everyone is busy

Project Manager Deatruck

- The Mackinac Trail project has started and is going well.
- Want to thank employee Chuck Lounds for providing a speedy repair to a bad box culvert that was identified on Mackinac Trail.
- Tire trenches have formed along the right side drive path of Mackinac Trail in several spots. Requested permission to take bids on milling and filling, approximate cost will be between \$27,000 and \$35,000. Commissioner Ormsbee would like us to contact MDOT about helping with the repair costs due to the heavy traffic caused by their I-75 shutdown.

Engineer Krouth

- Spent time with DEQ representative's checking on a couple of job sites, Cream City Point Road on Drummond Island and the culvert replacement site on Sugar Island. Both checked out fine.

Office Manager Decker

- Working with the DNR on renewal of the Trout Lake pit lease.
- July Financials are out.
- Continuing to train new employee Stephanie Ranta.

Commissioner Ormsbee asked about gravel crushing and suggested that we go to bid this fall and have the gravel crushed next spring while load limits are on and crews are slow. Discussion ensued

Foreman McConkey

- Cream City Pt. Rd. is complete
- Allards Bay Rd grading
- Pipe change on Clegg Road
- General Maintenance

Foreman Erickson

- Crews working on 13 Mile Rd
- Sugar Island crews working on ditching and a few pipe changes
- General dragging and cold patching

Foreman Pesola

- County pipe changes
- State pipe change and ditching on M-123
- Started cutting and replacing asphalt shoulders on M-123 from M-28 to Trout Lake, it's a big job.
- Brush Hogging

MANAGERS REPORT

- Cream City Point Road is complete, the crew did a great job.
- The first used grader was delivered. The requested repairs were completed. Nice machine!
- Continuing to work with Kevin Gouza from MDOT on the State Maintenance contract and budget year end.
- MDOT has appointed a new Deputy Director, Mark VanPortfleet.
- Dawn Gustafson has been chosen as the new TSC Manager in Newberry.

- Reported on the House funding bill that got very close but failed. Discussion ensued.
- Informed the Board that the County Road Association has launched a new website. It is a big improvement over the prior site.
- Working on recommendation and proposal for the Arbor Ridge Homeowners Association on locations of soil borings. He will be asking the Township to pass a resolution indicating they would participate in the cost of repairs if necessary.
- Received a request from Mr. Blalock who lives on Blalock ROW asking the CCRC to accept the road onto the County Road system. In the past Soo Township has supported the request. He told Mr. Blalock that the request would be put on the next Agenda.
- Working on presentation for the Chippewa County Fair starting next week. We will have one of our new trucks on display.
- Will be attending the negotiating committee meetings at the Association of Southern MI Road Commissions on September 16th & 17th.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None

APPROVAL OF HULBERT TOWNSHIP ROAD AGREEMENT

A road agreement with Hulbert Township for improvements to North Hulbert Road was read by Manager Laitinen and presented to the Board for approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Township Road Agreement with Hulbert Township for improvements to North Hulbert Road.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL TO ATTEND MERS CONFERENCE

Manager asked for authorization for staff to attend the MERS Annual Conference in Grand Rapids on October 8th & 9th, 2015. To elect Clerk Price to represent the CCRC as Officer Delegate and Office Manager Decker as Officer Alternate, Dean Besteman as Employee Delegate and William Hopper as Employee Alternate.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to authorize attendance at the MERS Annual Meeting and to elect said named individuals to represent the CCRC.

MOTION CARRIED

AWARD OF USED TRUCK BID

Manager Laitinen went over the three bids for the used 2003 Ford F-250.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award to the highest responsive responsible bidder.

MOTION CARRIED

Commissioner Ormsbee asked if there had been any movement on the house across the street. Manager Laitinen indicated that Edward was given until start of winter to move it. Commissioner Ormsbee asked Manager Laitinen to follow up with Edward to see if he is still planning on taking the house.

APPROVAL OF CORPORATE RESOLUTION

Manager Laitinen explained that we lease the Trout Lake pit from the DNR. This is a ten year lease. This resolution is a requirement of renewing said lease.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the Corporate Resolution authorizing Manager Laitinen and Vice Chairman Ormsbee to sign the irrevocable standby letter of credit and reimbursement with Central Savings Bank for the pit lease in Trout Lake Township.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF NATIONAL FUNCTIONAL CLASS

Every few years we are asked to review our road classification maps. CCRC's Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Deatruck and Manager Laitinen met with MDOT, Regional Planning and representative from Luce and Mackinac Counties. Three locations were identified as needing to be added in order to be eligible for Federal Funds.

1. Scenic - south of 15 Mile
2. Kincheloe & Blueberry Rd's in Kincheloe
3. Brasser Rd. on Sugar Island between E. Seppi & N. Shore

Engineer Krouth asked for the Board's approval to submit the above locations to MDOT for consideration.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve to submit for Functional Class changes as submitted.

MOTION CARRIED

CONDITIONAL APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH PAYNE AND DOLAN FOR THE LITTLE RAPIDS PROJECT.

The contract for the Little Rapids Restoration Project has been drafted and sent to Payne and Dolan for review. They will be reviewing and getting back to us with any requested changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to conditionally approve to enter into contract with Payne and Dolan for the Little Rapids Restoration Project and authorize Manager Laitinen to sign on behalf of CCRC barring any major changes.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: - None

Manager Laitinen informed the board that we will be going to arbitration regarding the retiree Perry Ross insurance grievance. No dates have been determined yet.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned that he had been in the Paradise area where a pipe was being changed on Whitefish Point Road and was impressed with the safety signage.

Commissioner Ormsbee commented that he has run a lot of roads recently (from the passenger seat) and that our roads are in much better shape than our neighboring Counties. Guys are going a great job!

Commission Ormsbee also mentioned that we have made a significant investment in new equipment and wanted to remind the staff to continue to do a great job taking care of it.

Project Manager Deatruck added that he has completed and turned into MDOT the plans for the Gogomain and Clegg Road projects for Federal funding and if approved will go to bid this fall for construction next Spring.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

Amy Price
Board Secretary

Bradley L. Ormsbee
Vice Chairman