

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, MI on July 9, 2020, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Rye, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Union President Mills, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh

GUEST PRESENT: Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$152,377.86 and Vouchers in the amount of \$227,401.00 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 regular meeting minutes from June 25, 2020 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rudyard Township Supervisor, Barry Davis, presented concerns regarding the paving on Bay Road and Centerline Road. The braking action of large trucks hauling from the Cryderman Pit are causing tearing on the pavement.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Payne and Dolan have completed much of the local paving. Trout Lake is complete. Seven and Twelve Mile are complete. Rocky Point Road is half complete and should be finished next week.
- Gaines Highway - the mix design has been approved and overlay should begin next week.
- Payne and Dolan is set to mobilize to Kinross and depending on weather they will start paving work.

Office Manager Decker

- Working on six month financial statements and a comparison to this time last year.
- MTF is down approximately \$30,000 from last month.
- Fuel system is on-line and we are starting to issue fobs and train the crew.

Superintendent Erickson - report presented by Manager Laitinen

- Working on Nicolet Road shoulders.
- Mowing is going well and we are covering a lot of ground.

Foreman Goodman - report presented by Manager Laitinen

- Continuing on Prairie Road.
- Materials have been hauled to Wildcat Road to address some significant holes.
- We will start on Tahqua Trail soon, using split crews.

Foreman Rye

- Been grass cutting from DeTour to 15 Mile Road.
- Crews are on Drummond Island now.

Clerk Christensen

- Finished the MSHA training in Pickford and on Drummond Island.
- Switched out the "hot spot" units in Goetzville and on Drummond Island.
- Working with Jayson at ATT on the Firstnet writeup.

Union President Mills

- Nothing at this time.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Programmed the fuel fobs for the vehicles in the Sault garage. Will be starting on the ancillary equipment next.
- Started distributing the fobs to the crew and training small groups at the pump on using the fob.
- Learning the software and reporting features.
- Addressing the concerns of the crew on the use and application of the fobs and pump.
- Have the open enrollment documents from 44North and will schedule meetings in the next couple of weeks with the garages for the upcoming plan year.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- COVID-19 Update - we had an exposure risk reported this week. One of our crew members was directly exposed to a person with a positive test result. In response, our immediate action was a temporary closure of the affected garage until we received guidance from the Health Department. We have been advised that the one in direct contact is to self-quarantine for 14 days. Due to the timing of the reporting of exposure and testing, we have been advised that all other employees are at low risk as it is very unlikely there was any transmission in the workplace.

- A contractor for MDOT has contracted use of our salt barn in Kinross for manufacturing culvert liners. They are responsible for all clean-up and disposal of waste materials in the process.
- The court case we have regarding the accident on Riverside Drive is moving. There has been significant correspondence between our attorney and theirs, causing some of the claims to be dropped.
- We have an erosion work agreement with Whitefish Township. This agreement is different than most of the agreements we have with townships in that the township is responsible for the administration of the work being done.
- We received a letter from the UP Road Builders requesting support in a request to delay the submission of the asset management plan due to the time lost earlier in the year caused by the COVID-19 response.
- Had an in-person meeting with our employee who has been out due to the February accident involving a truck roll over. He seems to be in good spirits and while it will still take some time, it looks likely he will be able to return to work.
- This morning we found out that our crew has taken it upon themselves to collect donations for an annual Hospice benefit at Yooperman Bar and Grill. One of our retiree's, who has since passed, started this fund-raiser and our current employees are chipping in to continue the legacy.
- We had an incident on Hewer Road where we just laid new pavement. The day after the paving was complete, a resident called to complain about the increased speed of the traffic. During the holiday weekend, this resident accidentally dropped his plow on the new pavement, directly in front of his property, rolling the pavement down to the gravel for several feet. Due to the timing of this accident and peculiarity of only removing the pavement, we are pursuing assistance from law enforcement for willful and malicious destruction of a county roadway.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Pavement marking bid - we only received one bid from PK Contracting for the pavement marking contract.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to award the 2020/2021 pavement marking contract to PK Contracting.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, requested repairs to the paint at the five way stop, noting cars are not stopping in the appropriate spot as they come to the intersection. He expressed his gratitude for the work we do.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer inquired about the status of the sweeping of Sun Glow Drive. He had received a call regarding it. Manager Laitinen explained the timing/location of the sweeper, and stated the sweeping had been completed yesterday.

Chairman Timmer expressed appreciation for the work completed during the short holiday week.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:41 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman