

**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 February 20, 2020.

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Mills, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen

**GUEST PRESENT:** Jim Moore

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$170,277.40 and Vouchers in the amount of \$257,641.52 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 6, 2020 with the following clarification, and place them on file:

**Page 2 - When Office Manager Decker was talking about the breaker for the office, it was determined the office and garage could run on the existing generator.**

**In the Managers report, Chairman Timmer was nominated for President of CRA by the UP Road Builders.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jim Moore has asked that we "turn off the snow".

**STAFF REPORTS**

Engineer VanDorn

- Waiska River Bridge on Six Mile Road - the SHPO application is in and Bay Mills submitted indicating there will be no historical land impact.
- Local paving - all the road agreements are signed with the exception of Trout Lake. All paving will proceed as bid.
- Worked on back-dating all paving projects into the Roadsoft software that cover the last 10 years.

- Have an intern from Michigan Tech hired for this summer. He will be in the field for paving projects.
- Attended the Engineers conference and SHPO applications are going to require independent consultant review, prior to submission.

Superintendent Erickson

- Dealing with lots of snow, drifting snow, and icy roads.
- During the day the sun melts just enough to wet the road surface and then when it goes down, the temperature drops and freezes making glare ice.

Foreman Goodman

- The past 2-3 weeks of mild weather has made this cold, wintery weather a bit of a shock to residents. The motorists got use to bare roads and seem shocked now when the roads are snow packed.
- Our operator is still recovering after the accident last Friday on M-123. Discussion ensued.

Foreman Rye

- Working on a lot of roads with ice.
- There is a lot of wing work to do.

Office Manager Decker

- Year-end reporting finished up. We recognized just under \$14 million in expenses this year.
- In regards to the accident, our contract with Verizon (approx. \$20 per unit) includes roadside service. The cost we would have incurred for this service call for this accident was well worth the cost of this plan.

Clerk Christensen

- Arrived at the accident site about an hour after it occurred. The team here was amazing. The GPS on the truck worked great in assisting with details regarding the truck. We were able to identify areas where we can better serve at an accident. We've gotten emergency warming blankets for the trucks and are looking at how to secure loose items.
- Participated in a walk-around the truck with the DOT Officers. Learned a lot and asked a lot of questions.

Union President Mills

- All good.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Working with our Workers Comp carrier to get our operator everything he needs. They have assigned a Nurse Case Manager to assist with appointments in an effort to ensure he gets the proper treatment and help explain information from the doctors.

- The day of the accident Central Dispatch called to commend our operator on his quick responsiveness to radio for help and get taking all of the appropriate next steps to get help on the way. "He did a great job".

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- The adjust has looked over the truck and will be working on his determination tomorrow.
- We no longer have any "spare" trucks.
- Worked with Abby and the DOT Officers the day of the accident. Other than the crash related damages, they found nothing wrong with the truck.
- The backhoe is almost ready. Been transferring parts from the backhoe that was damaged in an accident to the old backhoe and have it near operational.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- No Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Award Pick-up Truck Bids:

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the 2020 F250 ¾ Ton Diesel pickup bid to MI-Deal.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to award the ½ ton pick-up bid to O'Connors for the 2020 Dodge Ram with 4-door full cab.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Discussion ensued.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Nothing at this time.

**County Commissioners Comments**

Nothing at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

ADS came to meet with Brian and Tom to discuss plastic pipe failures. Discussion ensued.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:53 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman