

**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 September 11, 2025.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Johnston, Union President Bumstead, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk McLean, Clerk Sillers, and Chief Mechanic Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Livermore, and Foreman Johnson.

**GUEST PRESENT:** County Commissioner Jim Traynor.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to accept the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that Payroll in the amount of **\$188,772.25** and Vouchers in the amount of **\$693,242.64** be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 28, 2025, and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Livermore, Reported by Clerk McLean

- Working on culvert inventory with Fleet Manager Donajkowski.
- Working with Kevin at MDOT to push out final bills for their Fiscal Year End.
- Watching for Legislature to move on road funding and to see if they don't act to pass a budget resulting in state government shut down. MDOT has short term plan to get August MTF to road commissions in October but if shut down occurs, September payment may be delayed.
- Contacted by MSP regarding the stolen check from this spring to see if we still wanted to press charges.

Foreman Johnston

- Finishing up on the 14 Mile Road Project, seed, mulch and rip rap has gone in. The guys have done a nice job on this project, it looks good.
- Next week we will be replacing pipes and shaping up gravels.

Foreman Goodman

- We've been up in Whitefish Township and had to change 5 pipes. The guys did a nice job.
- Today is Daryl Hopper's final day after 24 years. We wish him good luck and thank him for his dedication to the county.

Foreman Johnson

- No Report

Engineer Boileau

- Mackinac Trail Overlays and 12 Mile Bridge Removal are complete, and we are wrapping up contractor payments/documentation.
  - 12 Mile finished 0.7% over budget (+\$1,300).
  - Mack Tr 3-6 Mile finished on-budget (-\$114).
  - Mack Tr 6-9 Mile finished 7.5% under budget (-\$97,000).
- 16 Mile box is installed and backfilled; we have aggregate base prepped and will pave on Tuesday 9/16. We should finish all roadway appurtenance by Oct 1.
  - Expecting overage on this project due to extra pile length needed in the center portion of the box.
- Chub Creek is almost done; the deck is poured and cured, and roadway sand and aggregate base have been installed. We have the last concrete pour today. It looks like paving will be Mon 9/22, followed by shoulder gravel, guardrail, signage, slope restoration, and pavement markings. We are hoping to reopen the first full week of October, but it will depend on subcontractor scheduling.
  - Currently keeping costs under control.
- Tower Road/Mission Hill (funded through Bay Mills Tribal grants) is going to be pushed to early 2026 due to contractor scheduling.

Clerk Sillers

- Nothing new to report.

Union President Bumstead

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Getting ready for winter and working on a couple mowers.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Working in parts room getting ready for inventory.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** reported by Engineer Boileau

- No updates on passage of state road funding package yet. MITA held their rallies on Tuesday Sept 3 in both Lansing and Negaunee - both events were well attended by industry members.
- I attended a meeting sponsored by MCRCSIP regarding Statewide Emergency Response. This was a requested follow-up after the ice storm in March 2025, and MDOT and Michigan State Police personnel were present. Road Commissions requested a seat in the emergency management room alongside the state departments to better coordinate during events. They also discussed insurance possibilities for road commissions; where payouts are tied to specific weather conditions and not the level of damage that was caused.
- Sims Pt Rd (Drummond Island) -Received the easement document and will begin reviewing it.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approve purchase of John Deer Grader #2 from Menominee County Road Commission.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the purchase of the John Deer Grader from Menominee County.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Authorization for Manager Laitinen to sign Certificate of Authority to enter five-year contract with Army Corps of Engineers.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize Manager Laitinen to sign the certificate of Authority to enter the five-year contract with Army Corps of Engineers.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**County Commissioners' Comments**

- County Commission Traynor reported the shrubs by the courthouse are pushing the bricks out and they need to be replaced.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chairman Gagnon wished everyone to "stay safe". The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 A.M

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Amber McLean  
Deputy Clerk for the Board

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Jeremy Gagnon  
Chairman