

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 May 21, 2026.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Foreman Johnston, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Foreman Johnson, Clerk McLean, Clerk Sillers, Union President Bumstead.

ABSENT: Office Manager Livermore, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Trayner

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 \$192,266.78 and Vouchers in the amount of \$483,185.34 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

It was also noted that this run of AP included Major bills included Brow Crushing \$93,000, insurance \$187,000, long-term debt \$32,000, and a mulcher head purchase \$55,000.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 7, 2026, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- In the absence of Office Manager Livermore, Clerk Sillers presented the Office Manager's report. Office Manager Livermore and Clerk McLean attended the Finance & HR Seminar at Grand Rapids valuable information and networking opportunities were gained from the event.

Foreman Johnston

- Work on the north end of Dunbar is nearly complete, with approximately three-quarters of a mile remaining.

- Ditching work is also being done.
- Sugar Island is working on shaping up their gravel works.

Foreman Goodman

- No report.

Foreman Johnson

- Roads shaping up.
- Shoulder work is being completed on M-134
- Drummond Island is getting ready for paving next week.
- Attended the Straits Area Superintendents meeting.
- It was noted that Jim Clegg, who served the Chippewa County Road Commission for 36 years and was the Foreman at the Pickford Garage, had recently passed away.

Engineer Boileau

- No report.

Clerk Sillers

- Nothing to report.

Union President Bumstead

- Union President Bumstead expressed appreciation to Manager Laitinen for allowing employees to leave at 12:00 p.m. in observance of the upcoming Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Clerk McLean

Attended the Finance & HR Seminar at Grand Rapids and gained valuable information and networking opportunities.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Attended the Emmet County Fleet Conference and SAM's Conference, noting positive networking opportunities.
- Engine rebuilding work is ongoing in the shop
- Repairs are being completed on winter-damaged equipment
- Fuel and oil bids will be going out within the next couple of weeks.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Congressman Bergman is advancing emergency vehicle exemption legislation that would allow new builds to utilize updated equipment standards. Support for the legislation was also noted from Tony Wied of Wisconsin and Pete Stauber of Minnesota. In addition, Kelly from the courthouse is preparing a letter of support.
- The Road Commission was invited to participate in Touch-a-Truck events for Engineers Day.

- Attended the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting and learned that there may be a potential grant opportunity available for 800 MHz radios.
- Regarding the health insurance renewal, contact has been made with the Union Business Representative to coordinate dates for a rescheduled meeting.
- The MDOT Maintenance Contract is anticipated to be received within the next one to two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

- a.) Blade Bid Award

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to Motion to accept the regular blade bid from Truck & Trailer and award the integrated wing blade bid to St. Regis.

MOTION CARRIED

- b.) Signatures on Engineering Reimbursement through MDOT

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve to authorize request for the annual engineering reimbursement through MDOT.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioner's Comments

- Nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- No report

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Nothing to report

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 A.M

Abby Sillers
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman