

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 22, 2025.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Johnson, Foreman Johnston, Acting Union President Besteman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Christensen, and Clerk McLean.

ABSENT: Engineer Boileau, Office Manager Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that Payroll in the amount of \$186,533.68 and Vouchers in the amount of \$257550.07 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

Office Manager Livermore noted major expenditures in AP include the Blue Cross, new truck payments, and CRASIF quarterly. Reported by Clerk McLean.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 8, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore - Reported by Clerk McLean

- Completed ACT 51 with the exception of the information to be provided by Anderson Tackman.

Foreman Johnston

- Gravel roads are shaping up.
- Cutting ditches.
- Brush hog is out on 14 Mile Rd.
- Working on I-75 doing cross culvert ends.
- Buttoning up things so they can move to the bypass in Dunbar.

Foreman Goodman

- Gravel roads are looking good.
- They are running the retriever and pulling slopes.
- Cold patching is done.
- Brush hogging in Rudyard is underway
- Western townships started brining.

Foreman Johnson

- Gravel roads are looking good.
- Finished up pipe jobs left over from last year.
- Working on the 16 Mile Rd bypass.
- Drummond finished up sweeping and hauling gravel.

- The mower is on S. Caribou Lake rd., should be finished up today.

Engineer Boileau

- No report.

Clerk Christensen

- Need snow stake numbers from the garages.

Acting Union President Besteman

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- We're trying to stay caught up.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Construction on Mackinac Trail will begin at M-28 and head north, with milling starting May 27, 2025. Paving is set to begin June 2, 2025, and the project is expected to be completed by July 4, 2025.
- Work at the Mackinac Bridge/Chub Creek site is progressing well. Significant excavation has been completed, the box has been removed, and crews are beginning work in the water. We also held a meeting with MDOT and the contractor to discuss project issues.
- Work on 16 Mile to build the bypass is underway. Since EGLE requested that vegetation not be removed, the road is being built up over existing organic materials causing some difficulty. The area should be ready for the contractor by the second week of June.
- Equipment will be mobilized to the 12 Mile Bypass Road site soon.
- We have received a couple of applications for the mechanic position. One interview is scheduled for Tuesday, and we are waiting for a response from the other applicant.
- Legislature still discussing funding bills.

NEW BUSINESS

- MDOT Engineer Reimbursement-Annual request for engineer reimbursement requires authorization for board member signatures.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize the chairman and members of the board to sign the MDOT Engineer Reimbursement request.

MOTION CARRIED

- MERS Military Contribution Reporting - at the last meeting it was reported by Office Manager Livermore that MERS was requesting declaration of how service credit would be reported during an employee's deployment time. As in the past, it was agreed to continue the practice to report "Base Wages" and front the cost of the employee's contribution until returning from deployment, at which point the employee would be responsible for catching up the missed contributions. A signed certification is required by MERS at this point.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize Chairman Gagnon to sign the Employer Resolution Establishing Military Service Contribution Requirements.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners' Comments

- County Commissioner Traynor reported that the regional planning meeting is set for May 28, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon wished everyone to "stay safe". The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 A.M

Amber McLean
Deputy-Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman