

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 1, 2025.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M.

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Livermore, Clerk McLean, Union President Bumstead, and Clerk Christensen

ABSENT: Commissioner Moser, Engineer Boileau, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Foreman Johnson, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

GUEST PRESENT: None

Manager Laitinen requested concurrence with Rudyard Township Resolution regarding a road name change be added as item c.) under New Business.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to accept the agenda with the additional item.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$184,220.99 and Vouchers in the amount of \$308,595.75 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 19, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- Open enrollment for health insurance begins today. Meetings with all districts need to be scheduled next week and all employees must attend. Would like to have this process completed on our end by July 18th.
- Reminder: The union delegate for the MERS conference needs to be provided by July 18. Chief Mechanic Marsh has the information regarding the conference dates and location.
- The audit exit meeting will be held immediately following the July 31st Regular Meeting.

Foreman Johnston

- No Report

Foreman Goodman

- No Report

Foreman Johnson

- No Report

Engineer Boileau

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- Nothing new to report.

Union President Bumstead

- Introduced himself to the Board.

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- No Report.

MANAGER' S REPORT

- Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Carbide Dock. It was a well-attended event. Got an opportunity to speak with Senator DaMoose, Senator McBroom, and Representative Fairbairn.
- Mackinac Trail project almost complete.
- Chub creek fully excavated and driving pile for the southerly abutment.
- 16 Mile is moving along. The crane has been delivered and assembled and pile driving should begin soon.
- County Projects:
 - o 12 Mile Bypass road going well and looks nice.
 - o Shoulder work underway.
- Funding package is still stalled in Lansing. Spoke with the senators and representative last week about the status. It seems the governor may need to push the democratic senators to move on this initiative as it is greatly needed by all agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to sign Management Representation letter for Anderson Tackman.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to authorize Chairman Gagnon and Office Manager Livermore to sign the Management Representation Letter.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Authorization for Chairman Gagnon and Office Manager Livermore to sign the cover page of Act 51.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to authorize Chairman Gagnon and Office Manager Livermore to sign the cover page of Act 51.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Support for Rudyard Township Resolution changing the 1045 foot section of S. Trombley Road to Gaylor Row.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to support the resolution by Rudyard Township to change the name on the section of road.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners' Comments

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon wished everyone to "stay safe". The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 A.M

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman