

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 August 28, 2025.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Livermore, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Union President Bumstead, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk Sillers, and Chief Mechanic Marsh.

ABSENT: Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Clerk McLean.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor and Resident Julie Fox.

Office Manager Livermore requested item six in the agenda be amended to reflect the last meeting date of August 14, 2025.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that Payroll in the amount of \$189,510.78 and Vouchers in the amount of \$133,159.30 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 14, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- Nothing New to Report.

Foreman Johnston

- Working on the 14 Mile Road Project.
- Full width State Mowing complete, working on Curley Lewis Highway.
- Finishing up bridge work and cleaning sand out from under guardrails.
- Sugar Island is replacing pipes and addressing issues in the aftermath of heavy rain.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report

Foreman Johnson

- Finished Peasley.
- State culvert work completed.
- Drummond Island working on shoulder gravel patching.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report.

Clerk Sillers

- AFLAC had a data security breach. Requested employees to check their AFLAC claims on-line.

Union President Bumstead

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- No report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Started Winter fit-out of fleet.
- Dealing with brush hog maintenance.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Had a MCRC SIP onsite/garage visit. Received the report and will review.
- Cleaning out old inventory of items for equipment no longer owned by Road Commission.
- Working on annual blade and culvert inventories.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- The office staff participated in a coordinated outreach to Senators Damoose and McBroom regarding the importance of getting the stalled road funding package passed. This continues to be a priority of the legislature, and we continue to monitor the progress.
- MITA (Michigan Infrastructure and Transportation Association) will be hosting a couple of rallies in support of the funding packages. One will be in Negaunee and the other on the capital lawn.
- Had a visit from the Soil Erosion representative with EGLE. The visit went well with only on small deficiency in paperwork that we are correcting.
- Received the draft document for Sims Point Road on Drummond Island. It is being reviewed.
- Construction Update:
 - The deck was poured on the Chub Creek Bridge. Had perfect conditions for the pour.
 - The bridge structure on 16 Mile was installed and working on the backfill.
 - The removal of the 12 Mile Bridge is complete.
 - Mackinac Trail is complete.
- A representative from Peterbilt will be on-site next week to show off the model truck that is a newer version of the older trucks of the same make.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Award Propane Bid - Manager Laitinen reviewed the results of the bid opening for propane. Only two bidders participated, Webster Garner and Shute/Autore with bids of \$1.29 and \$1.19 respectively. It was recommended the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to award bids to Shute/Autore as the low bidders.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners' Comments

- County Commissioner Traynor reported pollution in the local wells is a hot topic for the county commission at this time. Discussion ensued.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Resident Julie Fox presented an erosion issue caused by a culvert on Piche Road. Manager Laitinen explained the situation, noting the issue is well outside of the road right-of-way. Ms. Fox provided EGLE's recommendation based on satellite images. Discussion ensued.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon wished everyone to “stay safe”. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 A.M

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman