

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 October 23, 2025.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Union President Bumstead, and Fleet Manager Donajkowski.

ABSENT: Office Manager Livermore, Clerk Sillers, Clerk McLean, and Chief Mechanic Marsh.

GUEST PRESENT:

None

Engineer Boileau requested the addition of two items for the agenda under New Business a.) Authorization to sign a traffic control order and b.) authorization for signatures on the Parried Road Title Sheet.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to accept the agenda with the additional items.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$179,936.17 and Vouchers in the amount of \$175,478.61 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 9, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- No Report.

Foreman Johnston

- Prepping for winter, putting sanders in and snow staking.
- Grinder project on Drummond Island on Monday.
- Continuing brush hog work.

Foreman Goodman

- Expressed gratitude for the opportunity to attend the winter operations conference. Good information presented.

Foreman Johnson

- Installing sanders and working on snow staking.
- Attended winter operations meeting and looking forward to implementing some of the ideas presented.

Engineer Boileau

- Local road package is out to bid.
- Have the obligation for the Prairie Road and H-40 Bridge preventative maintenance.
- Estimate CCRC 2026 match obligation to about \$1.6M with total project workload estimated at \$8M

Clerk Sillers

- No Report.

Union President Bumstead

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- No Report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Met with several vendors regarding timeline for new trucks. Estimated time for a new truck to be road ready is two (2) years. Exploring options to reduce lead time.
- We should receive the first two of the eight trucks purchased at the beginning of 2025 by Christmas.

MANAGER' S REPORT

- Attended several meetings in Lansing, including CRA Board and Wetland Board.
- Still waiting on more information regarding the logistics of collection and distribution of the new road funds. There will be an informational webinar with MDOT in November. Road commissions likely will not see any of the funds until early 2026.
- Wetland Board is turning focus to acquiring bank land in the Western UP. Southern Michigan has full coverage now.
- Started interviewing for winter temporary employees. Looking to hire four (4) for Eckerman and one (1) for the Sault.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization to sign a traffic control order.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize Engineer Boileau sign the TCO.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Authorization for signature on the Prairie Road title sheet.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to authorize Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, and the Board to sign the Prairie Road title sheet.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners' Comments

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon echoed the sentiment and wished everyone to "stay safe". The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 A.M

Stephanie Boileau
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman