

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 31, 2025.

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

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

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, and Clerk Christensen.

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 \$180,805.75 and Vouchers in the amount of \$205,540.95 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 July 17, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Livermore

- Attended MCRC SIP Annual Meeting and educational conference. Good information. Received refund of premiums.

Foreman Johnston

- 14 Mile Road started.
- 12 Mile Bi-pass road opened to traffic.
- Working on county mowing.
- Looking to start full width State mowing next week.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report

Foreman Johnson

- State shoulder work completed.
- Working to finish Peasley Road this year.
- Mowing county roads.

Engineer Boileau

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Bumstead

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Mowers are still working.
- New mechanic started this week.
- Gearing up for winter.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Working with parts clerk with dual computer system.
- Purchased a used 6" trash pump with 291 hours from an on-line auction. We paid \$7,000 for a pump that sells for \$64,000 new. The last pump we saw get sold at auction went for \$12,000.
- Will have the used/surplus equipment sealed bids results for the next board meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. SME Contract change order - Office Manager Livermore presented a change order from SME to cover expenses related to the site visit for the beam that was involved in a mishap on the I-75/M-134 exit ramp last week. The amount of the change was \$3,525 and included anticipated travel, on site review time, reporting, and administrative/project management.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to authorize the change order.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Load Rating Agreement with Ayres Associates - Office Manager Livermore presented the board with an amendment agreement for new/changing rating and review requirements by MDOT. This will be an annual contract. This year's contract amount is \$24,900.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize and accept Amendment No 1 from Ayres Associates Inc to provide Load Rating, necessary updates in MiBridge, and summary.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. CRASIF 2025 Board of Trustees Ballot - Office Manager Livermore presented the board with the ballot and a brief description of the incumbent candidates with recommendation to cast the votes for those candidates.

MOTION by Commission Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to cast the votes of the Road Commission in favor of the three candidates running.

MOTION CARRIED

County Commissioners' Comments

- County Commissioner Traynor reported on issues regarding a dam on Caribou Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

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

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman