

A PUBLIC HEARING of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their offices located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, MI on December 31, 2024.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Purpose: General Appropriations Act for 2025.

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk Christensen, Clerk McLean.

ABSENT:

GUEST PRESENT: None

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to open the public hearing for discussion regarding 2025 Proposed Budget/General Appropriations Act.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Livermore reviewed the line items of the proposed budget for 2025, noting the major expenditures for eight (8) Western Star tandem trucks and planned work to have four (4) trucks rebuilt. Clerk Livermore reviewed planned projects and funding sources. The projected budget presented was a balanced budget. Manager Laitinen noted the proposed budget is balanced and that the overall goal to grow the fund balance will be considered if sources of funding come in higher than projected. Manager Laitinen and Office Manager Decker provided the commissioners with additional information regarding the funding mechanisms, categories of activities, and accounting processes.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to close the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the General Appropriations Act for 2025.

MOTION CARRIED

Clerk Livermore reviewed the proposed changes from the original budget, noting two days of information remain outstanding. Office Manager Decker noted the projected Michigan Transportation Funds are an estimate and due to unpredictable fluctuations, there is no way to accurately predict. The funding for marijuana tax is due with December MFT and with this being the third year receiving it, there is not enough historical data available to predict. The second year of funding was considerably more than the first year.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the 2024 Budget Amendment #1.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to pass Resolution 2024-24, optional fund transfer per Act 51.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS ROLLCALL VOTE

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to appoint Robert Laitinen, Manager as Chief Administrative Officer and Brian Decker, Office Manager as Fiscal Officer for 2025 and grant transfer authorization, not to exceed 30% of total budget, for budget line-item deficit.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:21 P.M.

Abby Christensen
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Charles Moser
Vice-Chairman