

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 January 30, 2025.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk McLean, and Union President Eavou.

ABSENT: Commissioner Moser, and Foreman Goodman.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Commissioner Gagnon to accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$254,565.48 and Vouchers in the amount of \$192,426.22 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 January 16, 2025, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Year-end wrap-up with Clerk Livermore.

Foreman Johnston

- Busy with plowing.
- Need to get the slicer & blower out to push back banks
- Next week looking to pull snow off the barrier.
- Congrats to Brian.

Foreman Goodman

- Not Present.

Foreman Johnson

- Busy with winter work & they will start winging back banks.
- Congrats to Brian.

Engineer Boileau

- Working on presentations for upcoming meetings.
- Getting things out to bid and getting started on pre-construction.
- Congrats to Brian.

Clerk Christensen

- Year-end prep.
- Congrats to Brian.

Union President Eavou

- No Report.
- Congrats to Brian.

Clerk McLean

- No Report.
- Congrats to Brian

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Working on year-end audit prep with Office Manager Decker.
- Congrats to Brian.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Emissions don't like the cold weather.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Congrats to Brian.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Michigan Wetland & Joint transport went well.
- On the legislative front, the funding bills have not been introduced yet, but the new Speaker has called for their completion before the final budget.
- Road funding talks are going on in Lansing. Both sides want to see an increase in funding.
- Have had a couple of days of discussion with Central dispatch & law enforcement due to recent road closures for extraction of a semi on Hwy during a storm & no communication with us and not following proper protocol & notifications; which leads to potential safety hazards crew & other motorists on the road.
- Our left lane I-75 operator was rear-ended again this year. No damage to truck.
- Continuing state negotiations on contract.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve the proposal to attend meetings in DC with our State representatives and to pay airfare, as this is the only cost not currently covered.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to designate Bobbie Livermore, Office Manager, as Fiscal Officer and to approve up to 30% transfer of line items.
- b. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to cast ballots to vote for Dirk Heckman & Rob Laitinen to respective seats on CRA Board.
- c. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to award used equipment, old Ford F250 trucks to high bidders.
- d. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve the request to support Bay Mills Tribe & Safe Route to Schools speed study.
- e. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve Resolution 2025-02 to recognize Brain Decker.
Roll call: Commissioner Sprague, Commissioner Gagnon.
- f. **MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to accept a quit claim deed from Jessie Knowle for property on Sugar Island.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- Commissioner Traynor noted the generators at the jail are out. They got a loaner for now.
- Wolf was trapped in Goetzville.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Wishing Brian Congrats on the retirement. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman