

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, Michigan on June 19, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioner Timmer and LaJoie, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Mgr. Deatrick, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Surveyor Wiggins, Chief Mechanic Avery and Foreman Pesola.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$112,389.00 Vouchers in the amount of \$205,400.33 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on June 5, 2014 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jesse Knoll stated roads are in good shape on Sugar Island.

STAFF REPORTS

Foremen Erickson

- Working on shaping up our gravel roads.
- AMZ machine is working on state roads.
- Pulled in shoulders for detour on I-75.
- Stock piling gravel.
- Screen plant still working in Barbeau.

Foreman McConkey

- Working on shaping up gravel roads
- Changing out some pipes
- Equipment maintenance

Office Mgr. Decker

- Presented May financials

- Continue to update web site to be in compliance for new transparency laws which go into effect in September.
- PDF file for Salt Barn will be available on our website.
- Have submitted the first billing for the Causeway project.

Project Manager Deatruck

- Ploegstra Road update.
- Monitoring detour route for I-75 repairs.

COUNTY COMMISSINERS' COMMENTS

MANAGERS REPORT

- Gave an overview of his trip last Monday and Tuesday to the John Deere facility for equipment demonstrations. Thanked AIS for providing him the opportunity.
- Presented letter from Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director thanking all contract counties for the exemplary service you provided during a record breaking winter.
- Salt Barn advertisement for bids out and will be opened here at the Road Commission on July 15th.
- Senate failed in passing a road funding bill by three votes. There are two one day session to be held during their 12 week summer break which will be held on July 16th and another sometime in August. They are getting some very bad press for not passing a road bill.
- BIA is in the process of finalizing things so we can begin our billings for Sugar Island storm damage.
- Received a request to change the Winter UP Road Builders meeting to January 15-16, 2015. No opposition was expressed. Manager Laitinen will inform the appropriate person.
- Progress conference call meeting with all members involved with the Causeway project. Request for qualifications are out and have received a lot of interest from prospective bidders.
- Gave update on presentation he made on Tuesday to BPAC on the Sugar Island Causeway project.
- State grass mowing contractor will begin out on I-75 next week with hopes that we can get I-75 completed prior to the 4th of July weekend.
- Gave county wide gravel crushing update.
- Received decision regarding our arbitrator hearing which dealt with the job posting. The decision was in favor of the union. Will be setting up a meeting with Bill Hopper and the Union Representative to get things finalized.
- New engineer will be starting on July 7th.

- New truck will be heading down to Truck and Trailer for equipment install.

Manager Laitinen indicated with the 4th of July holiday falling on a Friday the union has requested having the 2nd and 3rd as their holidays so would like to move our regular scheduled meeting from Thursday, July 3, to Tuesday, July 1st at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to reschedule our regular meeting from July 3rd to July 1st at 8:00 a.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented oil bids received on June 16, 2014. There were two bidders, but only one who provided a manufacturer's letter indicating their products met the specifications requested on oils.

Manager Laitinen recommended acceptance of Autore Oil Companys bid.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to award the oil bids to Autore Oil Company.

MOTION CARRIED

Manager Laitinen presented Resolution #2014-06 in Support of MDOT Contract #14-5356 and authorizes Chairman Timmer and Manager Laitinen to sign said contract. He stated this resolution is for the improvements of milling, paving and bridge rail for Whitefish Point Rd over Betsie River, Bound Rd over Waiska River (2 locations), 6 Mile Road over Waiska River and Gogomain Road over Gogomain River.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to approve Resolution #2014-06 supporting MDOT Contract #14-5356 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.

Manager Laitinen presented 2014 MCRCSIP Board of Directors election ballot.

After a brief discussion Chairman Timmer recommended casting vote for Russ Gronvevelt.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Timmer to cast vote for Russ Gronvevelt, Houghton CRC.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer asked that copies of the letter from Kirk Steudle, MDOT Director be distributed to all garages and maybe post it on our web site.

Chairman Timmer gave an overview of U.P. Road Builders Meeting and CRAM Meetings which he attended. He inquired if we have ever had any of our local fire departments tour our garages. This helps familiarize the fire fighters with entrances and where certain fluids are stored. Stop loss and Casualty discussion were held with approximately 30% of inventories never recovered.

Manager Laitinen stated our facilities are insured for not only structure but insured for contents with our dollar amounts being significant.

Chairman Timmer indicated he will be chair of the next UP Road Builders meeting to be held in the Soo. He asked for input from staff on topics of interest.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell
Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman