

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on April 9, 2015.

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

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Timmer, Ormsbee and Gagnon, Office Mgr. Decker, Project Manager Deatrick, Engineer Krouth, Clerk Price, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Pesola, and Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Manager Laitinen, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Chief Mechanic Avery.

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$147,167.20 and Vouchers in the amount of \$309,060.79 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 26, 2015 and the Special Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2015 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Supervisor Jim Moore mentioned that H-40 was looking rough. Foreman Pesola said that he has been keeping an eye on it and that it is still holding a lot of frost. Supervisor Moore Asked if there was a projected date for the lifting of load limits. Permit Agent Deatrick said that it was impossible to predict but that warmer weather and rain would speed things up.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Working on ditch cleaning
- Taking care of frozen pipes
- Doing cutting and brushing on Tilson Road

Foreman McConkey

- Patching, dragging and plowing
- Project on the Gogomain Road almost complete

Office Mgr. Decker

- Safety Meeting is Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. In addition to our safety presentations we will have BC/BS here to give us information on a program called Glide Path.
- The new pick-up's will be here soon. Still deciding on what to do with the old trucks. The new big trucks are expected around April 30<sup>th</sup> and will go straight to Truck and Trailer. Discussion ensued

Project Manager Deatruck

- Busy with Permit writing while weight restrictions are in place
- Attended Field Manager Conference with Engineer Krouth
- Bacco was awarded the Mackinac Trail Project. Because of the I-75 project taking place it would be best to put the project off until after the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Discussion on both projects ensued.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Field Manager training and received certification
- Gearing up to re-advertise the Sugar Island Causeway project.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS - None**

Loan documents for the six new Tandem trucks are ready for signing.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve Office Manager Decker and Commissioner Timmer to sign the loan documents from Central Savings Bank.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Board Policy Review - over the next several meetings all Board policies will be reviewed and reaffirmed.

#4 Policy on acceptance of roads onto the County Road system: The current policy was reviewed and reaffirmed. No changes to policy were made.

#5 Policy on Road Commission Board Travel: No changes necessary.

#6 Mailbox Replacement Policy: it was agreed that the policy in place is working and no changes are needed.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to reaffirm Board Policies 4, 5 and 6 as they currently read.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Officer Manager Decker commented that he has received a draft back for an update to our Freedom of Information Act policy. He will review it and get copies to Commissioners for discussion at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Ormsbee said the crews are doing a great job and that it's important for us to be visible while the Proposition 1 vote is pending.

Commissioner Gagnon has received good feedback on the ditch cleaning we have been doing.

Commissioner Timmer commented that it's important with the Ballot proposal pending that we are informed and ready to answer questions if needed.

Kinross Supervisor Moore commented that he has seen some flyers circulating with misinformation.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:25 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Secretary for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman