

**A REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Chippewa County Road Commissioners was held in their office located at 3949 S. Mackinac Trail, Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan on March 24, 2016.

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Price, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Pesola, Engineer Krouth, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Union President Hopper.

**ABSENT:** Surveyor Wiggins and Foreman McConkey

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$132,118.01 and Vouchers in the amount of \$135,197.08 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 10, 2016 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS- None**

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Pesola

- Mixed bag of road conditions, from ice to gravel grading.
- Continuing to work on the Hulbert clearing project.
- A lot of patching.

Foreman Erickson

- Dealing with the same mix of road conditions.
- Took care of many down tree's during the wind storm.
- Maintenance on equipment.
- Preparation for the addition to the old storage building.

Office Manager Decker

- 2015 Year-end finished
- Lighting upgrade at the Sugar Island Garage is complete. The Goetzville and Neebish Island upgrades are left.
- Materials for the building addition are coming in.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Highway Conference.
- 100% Road plans have been submitted. Will be having a mid-April kick off meeting with the contractor and a possible May kick off with the public.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Welder Lounds made a custom rack for storage of the plow wings.
- The guys did a great job on the green building inside, installing pallet racks and general clean-out.
- Fleet maintenance going well.

Union President Hopper - None

#### **MANAGERS REPORT**

- Will be attending the Bruce Township Annual meeting this Saturday to discuss Road funding and to develop a five year plan.
- An adjustment (increase) was made to the Rural Task Force funding. We will need to have another meeting to adjust the project numbers.
- Small Urban Planning meeting to be held here on Tuesday the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Materials are coming in for the addition. Discussion ensued.
- The Negotiating committee met at the Highway Conference. A written proposal has been sent but MDOT is lagging in making any decisions. Fixed pricing is a possible option. Discussion ensued.
- Rebates/Savings on the lighting upgrades are coming in and are exceeding expectations.
- I have been asked to speak at the Rotary Club meeting in April.
- Resolutions of Appreciation were given at the Highway Conference for Retiree's Dave Deatruck and Christine McDowell.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE**

**APPROVAL TO GO TO BID ON CULVERTS**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to take bids for plastic culverts.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AWARD BID FOR ¾ TON PICKUP**

Manager Laitinen went over the three bids received.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the bid to O'Connors for the purchase price of \$29,479.00 and the extended warranty of \$2,815.00.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL TO GO TO BID ON BOX CULVERTS**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to take bids for concrete box culverts.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 2016-04 DAVE MILLS RETIREMENT**

Manager Laitinen read the Resolution to the Board

**MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2016-04.

**MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Timmer reported that he had a 3 hour CRA phone meeting. CRA has a new strategic plan that they will be introducing. Discussion ensued. He thanked the staff for their good work and reminded everyone to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

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Amy L. Price  
Board Secretary

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman of the Board