

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 August 11, 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, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins, Engineer Krouth

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$123,416.04 and Vouchers in the amount of \$455,463.98 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 July 28, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS **None**

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- The DNR project on 18 Mile is reaching completion, then we will be changing a couple culvert pipes. The crew is doing a great job!
- Started on 20 Mile Road. Applying heavy rip-rap to a portion with steep slopes.
- Mechanic is staying busy. He has been working on the JCB that came over from Drummond Island.
- Everyone is staying busy and doing a good job.

Foreman Erickson

- Forrest Road is seeded and mulched.
- Started on the Lockhart Rd fill job.
- Screen Plant is still at Touri Road.
- Took care of a few washouts in the Barbeau area due to the heavy rain storm.
- AMZ crew is staying busy.
- Going to use the Bomag machine to try and reduce the size of the heat bumps on Mackinac Trail.

Foreman Goodman

- AMZ chips hauled in.
- Finished up the fill portion of the Hulbert Road job. Waiting on permits to change out culverts.
- Starting the Teets Road box culvert job on Monday.
- General Maintenance.

Office Manager Decker

- Changed phone and internet provider to Charter. The install took place on Friday the 5th and all is going well. With that we will be changing all the e-mail addresses.
- Healthcare changeover is going smooth.
- The retiree meeting at Soo Township Hall went well with about twenty people in attendance.

David Deatruck

- Filling in. Field Manager is all caught up.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop keeping up.
- Going through plows in preparation for winter.
- Equipment Research

Union President Hopper

- None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen welcomed Vivian Suzanne Krouth. Congratulations to Alicia and the new addition to her family.
- Millage renewal passed with 67.5% of the vote.
- Invited to a damage assessment training being given by Chippewa County Emergency Services. The main topic will be how to document storm damage for potential State or Federal repair funding.
- Waiting on final written agreement with the DEQ.
- Received for demonstration a John Deere front end loader from AIS. Discussion ensued on the available options and the highlights of the loader.
- Registered to attend the Governors 21 Century Infrastructure Council Meeting in Marquette on the 19th.
- Attended the Straits Area Council Meeting in Mackinac City. The main items to come from the meeting were Denise Donohue's report that MDOT's Local Agency Programs has \$8.5 million statewide that went unused. Manager Laitinen commented that the funding has most likely been allocated and spent but that MDOT is behind in their bookkeeping. The other item of discussion was unified permit forms and fee structure. Discussion ensued.
- Have been in communication with Senator Caperson's staff and proposed possible legislation regarding the MDNR proceeds from timber sales to be allocated for County local roadways.
- Working on the local paving package.
- Took quotes on a rental excavator for the 12 Mile Road over the Charlotte River project. The excavator is scheduled to be delivered on the 23rd of August.
- Soil borings will be done for 12 Mile on Friday with the final design to follow. Looking at a September start.
- Will be attending a meeting with the City about the proposed round-a-bout and redesign of the Business Spur.
- We took part in a cooperative project with the International Bridge Authority. The northbound I-75 onramp slope had been altered by construction. We hauled out 26 loads of material for proper drainage. It has been seeded and mulched.
- Little Rapids Project pay estimate #6 was received yesterday. Girders have been cast and will be coming via barge from Waukesha. Two piers are complete. Third crane is on the way. We

are seeing good progress, girders scheduled for delivery on the 31st.

- Have been looking at offset disc mowers pricing and models with Chief Mechanic Marsh. The only one rated for commercial use is the Kuhn mower. Manager Laitinen recommends purchasing the Kuhn brand mower for about \$14,000.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE

4 WAY STOP DISCUSSION

Manager Laitinen discussed the need to convert three two-way stop intersections to 4 way stop. Three Mile & Seymour, Three Mile & Shunk and Mackinac Trail and 6 Mile. All three of these intersections were identified as a safety issue. Both traffic counts and crash data were taken into account and discussed. High crash concentration and a high percentage of crashes causing injury were found at all three locations.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to place 4 way stop signage at Three Mile & Seymour, Three Mile & Shunk and Mackinac Trail and 6 Mile.

MOTION CARRIED

ADOPTION OF SHORT CUT ROAD

Manager Laitinen told the Board that he had received a request from Kinross Township to accept Short Cut Road onto the County Road system. The road was built by Norris Construction and they did a very good job. It is the Townships intent to pave it soon.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to accept Short Cut Road onto the County Road system. It must be paved within two years with Kinross Township absorbing 100% of the paving cost.

MOTION CARRIED

PROJECT MANAGER HIRING DECISION

Manager Laitinen stated that Dan Jere has been working out well. He is a hard worker with attention to detail and he works well with the contractors. The recommendation is to hire Dan Jere as fulltime Project Manager.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to hire Daniel Jere as fulltime Project Manager.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS Kinross Township Supervisor Moore mentioned that the change at 6 Mile and Mackinac Trail will require a lot of communication to the public. Supervisor Moore asked Manager Laitinen when Curtis Road would be paved. Manager Laitinen replied that he intended for it to be done the year.

Union President Hopper mentioned that the 4-way stop changes would be a great item for our face book page. Commissioner Gagnon agreed.

Office Manager Decker mentioned that he will be going to bid for plow blades.

Union President Hopper asked if we had a portable sign to use for the stop sign changes.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee mentioned that we need to develop a list of equipment needs indicating the priority items. Chief Mechanic Marsh answered that we have an equipment priority list and that he would supply him with a copy.

Chairman Timmer mentioned that we need to stay ahead of our equipment maintenance and needs. He asked if there had been anymore thought into changing the fiscal year. Office Manager Decker replied that we have not.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board