

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 September 8, 2016.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Surveyor Wiggins, Project Manager Jere, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Commissioner Ormsbee and Engineer Krouth

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$129,099.58 and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,311,526.85 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Kinross Township Supervisor reported that there is a portion of pavement on Gaines Hwy, at the curve that needs repair. Foreman McConkey said he would take care of it. Union President Hopper mentioned that management should consider increasing the per piece price on snow markers. Several of the previous year's suppliers have decided to not cut snow markers this year causing a shortage.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Goodman

- Fair went well.
- Have been working on Teets Road. Ditch work is complete, mulching the site today. Guardrail and Blacktop to follow.
- Recent rain has been good for dust control but has caused a few washouts.

Foreman Erickson

- Working on Lockhart Road slopes.
- AMZ work is winding down.
- Screen Plant has been repaired and is running again.
- Loader went down. Being fixed today.
- General Maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Working on 20 Mile, new culvert is in. Project looks great. Waiting on guardrail.
- Ditching on Riverside from 21 Mile to 22 Mile.
- Patched the Bridge on Riverside. Near 19 Mile.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Project staking for the Foreman.
- DEQ permits came in for N. Hulbert Road and for the 12 Mile box culverts. Permits have been taking 2 to 3 months due to staffing issues.
- Shout out to the job done by Bob Rye and crew on the 20 Mile project. He did an great job placing erosion control stone.

Office Manager Decker

- Auditor Phil Wolf coming in today to review the Little Rapids Project files and documents.
- The MTF check came in short \$96,000 due to an error by treasury.
- The Health Care changeover has had a few bumps but it is working as designed.

Project Manager Jere

- Waiting on Marshall Concrete to finish their punch list on Gogomain Road so that the job can be closed out.
- Also wanted to acknowledge Bob Rye and the rest of the staff that worked on 20 Mile. Top Notch work.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Many equipment failures over the last couple of weeks.
- Garage is staying busy.

Union President Hopper

- Likes seeing the Face Book posts. More pictures and information would be good to see.
- Would like to see a mention on the FB page about mailbox maintenance coming into winter.
- Would like to see portable toilets available on long term job sites. Manager Laitinen mentioned he is looking into it.

MANAGERS REPORT

- Manager Laitinen reported on the Little Rapids Project. All in all the girder set went well. The first attempt to bring the girders in by barge failed due to heavy winds and currents. The contractor then went to plan B. The girders were rolled down the EUPTA Ramp and lifted into place with cranes. The Ferry service was shut down overnight for the girder placement. Fourteen girders were placed the first night and 16 the second. All the girders fit as planned. They are working now on forming the deck. The deck pour will come at the end of the Month.
- Teets Road box culvert turned out great and is complete.
- The new 4 way stop intersections are functioning well.
- Permit is in hand for 12 Mile over the Charlotte Creek. Waiting on production schedule from UP Pipe.
- Local paving package will be coming out soon. Looking at about 11,000 tons. Should be about \$60 a ton.
- Was interviewed for Bridge Magazine coming out next month.
- Crossroads magazine is out with the article on Island Winter Maintenance that featured Chippewa County.
- Fair display went well. Many positive comments.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS - NONE

APPROVAL OF FINAL DEQ AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MANAGER LAITINEN AND CHAIRMAN TIMMER TO SIGN.

Manager Laitinen told the Board that the final agreement is ready to be signed. In the agreement we did agree to perform some work that is to be done over two years. We also agreed to pay a fine of \$100,000.00 to be paid over ten years.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the DEQ Agreement and authorize Manager Laitinen and Chairman Timmer to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF ONE YEAR STATE MAINTENANCE EXTENSION AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MANAGER LAITINEN TO SIGN.

Manager Laitinen explained that this is a simple extension of the current contract. The long term contract is being negotiated and should be completed soon. The new contract will replace the extension.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the one year state maintenance extension and authorization for Manager Laitinen to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Foreman Goodman wanted to acknowledge all of the Road Commission staff that are involved and volunteer with the 4H program and other events at the Fair. Manager Laitinen agreed and noted that he is not aware of any other organization that has as many involved people as CCRC.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon asked if all the trucks will be outfitted with the green lights. Manager Laitinen stated that all the trucks used on the State Roads will be done right away and the others as they come in for service.

Chairman Timmer mentioned that CRA is asking for return of the survey asking about implementation of Green lights on our trucks. MDOT will be having R.T.F. seminars. We should have someone there for the discussion. Chairman Timmer noted that he will be attending the CRA meeting on the 14th at Boyne.

Chairman Timmer thanked the staff for their hard work and reminded then to stay safe.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Board Secretary

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman of the Board