

**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, MI on October 12, 2023.

Vice-Chairman Moser called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Rye, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk Livermore, Union President Cheney, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

**ABSENT:** Chairman Gagnon, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Christensen.

**GUEST PRESENT:** County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Trout Lake Trustee David Hillman.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to accept the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that the October 12, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$168,951.18 and Vouchers in the amount of \$754,991.03 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 28, 2023 and place them on file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- The larger invoices in this period accounts payable include billing from Reith Riley for shoulder work on M-123 that will be reimbursed through a TWA and the September MERS contribution.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financials should be completed today and emailed.

Superintendent Erickson

- Finished up Village Road this week on Sugar Island. The quality of the work on this project should serve the community well.
- Started hauling ice-sand.
- Continuing maintenance on gravel roads.

Foreman Goodman

- No report.

Foreman Rye

- Finishing up some ditch work and hauling ice-sand.
- Meeting some resistance with residents regarding permission necessary for beaver trapping outside of right-of-way.
- Encountered an angry resident on Drummond Island while performing tree removal in the right-of-way.

Engineer Boileau

- No report.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Gone next week to the Winter Operations conference.
- Will be meeting the Western Star representative on new truck models for 2025. Discussion ensued.
- Sending out re-bid requests for the construction of the new south wall garage doors in the shop.
- Scheduling the installation of the generator on Sugar Island.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Attended the UP Clerks meeting last week. Good information shared. Elected to fill chair position for 2024.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Working on converting trucks for winter operations.

#### **MANAGER' S REPORT**

- Attended MERS conference with Office Manager Decker. Discussion ensued.
- MDOT winter schedule to start November 4<sup>th</sup>. Night-shift posting to go out this week.
- Invited to speak about the importance of managers' meetings at Mt. Pleasant "Communication" educational event.
- Work schedules are returning to eight (8) hour days on October 23.
- The safety meeting that was scheduled for next week has been canceled.
- Started interviewing for full-time positions.
- Several business meetings next week, including CRA Board, Wetland Board, and DEQ.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Surplus equipment bids. Manager Laitinen presented a summary of bids for old equipment, no longer utilized by the Road Commission. Recommended the board award all items to the high bidders.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to award all equipment bids to the highest bidders.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- NONE

**County Commissioners Comments**

- County Commissioner Traynor reported the county is still moving ahead on the two new buildings.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Charles Moser  
Vice-Chairman