

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 26, 2023.

Chairman Gagnon called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Clerk Christensen.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Trout Lake Trustee David Hillman, Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis, North Country Trail representative Stan Kujawa.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that the October 26, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$169,893.17 and Vouchers in the amount of \$1,721,489.24 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 12, 2023 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Planning for Capital Outlay. Scheduling the meeting is an action under new business.

Superintendent Erickson

- Been working on gravel maintenance and cold patch.
- Snow stakes for routes are started.
- Starting to haul ice-sand.
- Getting sanders on a few trucks

Foreman Goodman

- Same activities as the Soo.

Foreman Rye

- Pennington done except guardrail.
- Ice-sand hauled to Pickford and Drummond.
- Rebuilding wings.

Engineer Boileau

- Wrapped up construction season and moving into bid mode for next year's work.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Attended Winter Maintenance Conference. Good Information there.
- Met with vendor for new trucks in 2025. The rep came to the office Monday. We are testing a new style wing blade.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Getting ready for winter.
- Nearly all the sold salvage equipment has been picked up.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Attended CRA Board Meeting, Wetland, and DEQ meeting in Lansing. Nothing major to report.
- Filled six full time positions with new employees' first days beginning over the next few weeks.
- Attended Regional Planning meeting with Engineer Boileau. More information related to North Country Trial to come under New Business.
- Met with Western Star truck dealer.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Quit Claim Deed Authorization - a land owner on Six Mile near Brimley at Birch Point Loop has a piece of property adjacent to an excess ROW approximately 50' beyond the ditch. The home owner needs to repair the drain field to the house and this excess ROW is creating a road block. Manager Laitinen explained this old ROW serves no purpose for the Road Commission and recommended the excess be discharged through a Quit Claim Deed.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize Manager Laitinen to execute a quit claim deed to discharge the excess ROW.

MOTION CARRIED

B.) RESOLUTION 2023-13 - Adjusted Census Urban Boundary: Sault Ste. Marie.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign and pass RESOLUTION 2023-13.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

C.) RESOLUTION 2023-14 - Adjusted Census Urban Boundary: Kinross.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign and pass RESOLUTION 2023-14.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

D.) North Country Trail Foot Bridge - a request to review options for a foot bridge along the Curley Lewis Highway was received. Currently the trail parallels the roadway and requires foot traffic to cross using the vehicle lane of the bridge. The request would allow the association for the North Country Trail to look into engineering options to attach a foot bridge to the current structure.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to grant the request to start the process of looking into foot traffic options.

MOTION CARRIED

E.) Schedule Special Meeting for Capital Outlay for immediately following the regular meeting on November 9, 2023.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to schedule a Special Meeting for Capital Outlay to be held immediately following the regular meeting on November 9, 2023.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- County Commissioner Traynor reported due to staffing shortages Hospice is struggling to meet community demands. He also reported the Sheriff's building will begin soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon wished the crew to "stay safe." With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman