

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 November 22, 2023.

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

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

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Clerk Christensen.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis, Trout Lake Trustee David Hillman, and Bruce Township resident Dan Buhro.

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 Payroll in the amount of \$185,569.86 and Vouchers in the amount of \$174,319.79 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 November 9, 2023 and the Capital Outlay Special Meeting minutes from November 9, 2023 place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Buhro, Bruce Township resident addressed the board regarding service/maintenance to 14 Mile Road east of Riverside Drive and information discussed at a May meeting he attended. Superintendent Erickson provided clarification on the work that has been done and what cannot be done due to weather and road material make-up. Superintendent Erickson indicated maintenance to the road is being performed as weather and staffing allows.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- No report.

Superintendent Erickson

- Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

- Thanked the board and manager for hiring the new staff early, allowing for training before winter as well as coverage for vacations.
- The crew is ready for winter.

Foreman Goodman

- Same as Sault.

Foreman Rye

- Getting new guys trained.

Engineer Boileau

- All four Federal Aid projects have been sent to MDOT for obligation.
- Putting together chip seal package.
- Started local road ratings.

Clerk Christensen

- No Report.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Getting pricing for capital outlay.
- Will be attending winter operations training provided by MCRCSIP on 11/29.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing new to report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Keeping up - nothing major.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Title Sheet - Mackinac Trail between M-28 and Six Mile Road (Job #215524).

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve and sign the title sheet as requested.

MOTION CARRIED

- B.) Title Sheet - Mackinac Trail between Three Mile Road and Six Mile Road (Job #215106).

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve and sign the title sheet as requested

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- County Commissioner Traynor inquired about any on-going issues with the Neebish Island Ferry operations. The board and Superintendent reported there have been no recent issues. County Commissioner Traynor reported the county is still searching for an alternative replacement option for the nursing staff provided through the county health department to Hospice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moser commented on the requests being received for gravel maintenance on Drummond Island and his appreciation for the understanding of the conditions necessary to perform this function.

Chairman Gagnon wished the crew to "stay safe." With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman