

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 September 28, 2023.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman Rye, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen, Union Vice-President Besteman.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer Boileau, Union President Cheney, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

Clerk Livermore noted the absence of Manger Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, and Union President Cheney was to allow for them to attend the MERS conference.

GUEST PRESENT: County Commissioner Jim Traynor, Trout Lake Trustee David Hillman, Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis.

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 September 28, 2023 Payroll in the amount of \$186,560.41 and Vouchers in the amount of \$213,366.42 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 14, 2023 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rudyard Township Supervisor Davis reported that Engineer Boileau attended their township meeting and presented great information. He expressed his gratitude for her attendance, noting she is very knowledgeable.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- No report.

Superintendent Erickson

- Working to wrap up Village Road on Sugar Island, brining fill to finish slope. The weather has been cooperating.
- Thank you to Foreman Goodman for cooperation in AMZ work on Shunk Road. Should finish up today.
- Getting ready for salt delivery. Should be here any time after October 1st.
- Working on gravel maintenance where we can fit it in.

Foreman Goodman

- Completed the installation of a six foot pipe on Bay Road (south of M-48).
- Continuing to work on Tahqua Trail and change pipes in the Maple Block area.
- Completed the patch on the Waiska River Bridge with the AMZ.
- Hauling 23A gravel from McMillan for the state designated for a shoulder project next year. Thanked Foreman Rye for the sending lead trucks to assist.

Foreman Rye

- Finishing state work.
- Beavers are getting busy.

Engineer Boileau

- No report.

Clerk Christensen

- Submitted the tire grant with the city for 2024. Kinross Township Supervisor Moore has committed to providing man-power to stack tires at the Fair Grounds and the carpenter shop. Tire drop off will be open to residents of Chippewa County.
- The fall safety meeting is scheduled for October 19th. Everyone is asked to report to the Kinross Township Hall with the program to start around 7:30 a.m., as soon as outside crews are able to arrive.

Union Vice-President Besteman

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Identified a source for a loader for the Kinross salt shed this winter. Should be here mid-October.
- Getting state trucks ready for winter operations.
- Working on some light building maintenance.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Attended the CRAFTS annual meeting. Chippewa County received an honor roll mention for having a low mod-rate of less than one again this year and achieving this milestone for thirteen consecutive years.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- Still working with the side by side (off-road vehicle) issue on Drummond Island.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Trout Lake Township Trustee Hillman requested some repair work to the shoulder of the road at the old Road Commission property and the end of Wigwas Road. Foreman Goodman indicated he would take a look and assess. Hillman also noted sand has washed into Carp River Truck Trail.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Gagnon wants everyone to stay safe. With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman