

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 December 22, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Chairman Timmer.

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis, County Commissioner Elect Jim Traynor.

Vice-Chairman Gagnon accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that Payroll in the amount of \$186,450.74 and Vouchers in the amount of \$991,663.49 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 8, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis commented on the presentation at the hall regarding road funding, noting it was very good. County Commissioner Elect Jim Traynor commented on the crews doing a good job keeping the roads clear.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Budget work.
- Electrical work for the new fuels system is done at Goetzville and Drummond should be done next week. Hopefully the tanks will be on-line by mid-January.

Superintendent Erickson

- Not a lot of new snow but busy with slippery conditions. Everyone is doing a good job.
- The new employee on Sugar Island is doing well and has been a good addition.
- The seasonal temps are all working out well.

- Our crews are doing what is necessary to ensure we have the coverage needed over the holiday weekend. Their cooperation and dedication to the community is appreciated.

Foreman Goodman

- Acknowledged the crew for dedication in covering for each other during the flu season.

Foreman Rye

- Thanked the crews for their good work.

Engineer Boileau

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk Christensen

- Getting ready for year end.

Union President Cheney

- In recognition of Dick Timmer's last meeting date, thanked him for all his support over the years. Ending the meetings with "stay safe so we can do it again in two weeks" means a lot to the crew.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Starting year end payroll reporting.
- Working with Clerk Christensen, Manager Decker, EMS and Central Dispatch to create an emergency plan for fuel in the event of a power outage that leaves those agencies without a source for fuel. Currently, a limited number of gas stations in the county have back-up generators, with no stations in the city having back-up power. Creating and testing fob configurations to create fuel fobs that will easily identify use of emergency fobs for reporting and invoicing.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Shop is busy but nothing major.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Met with Central Dispatch to update contact procedures and call outs for nights. They had been using instructions from three years ago.
- The first session of union contract negotiations went well.
- Registration is open for the Highway Conference at the Radison in Lansing from March 21-23, 2023. CRA is holding two rooms per road commission. Additional rooms will be available at nearby hotels.
- Attended the MTA meeting. There is an effort being made by the townships on behalf of the road commission, requesting the county

commission to reconsider the lost revenue request for funding from the ARPA funds. Their support is greatly appreciated.

- The MTU asset management course that was held at the Rudyard Township Hall went well.
- Thank you to Chairman Timmer for his years of service. A more formal resolution honoring his 12 years of service will be presented at a meeting in January.
- Acknowledged the crews are changing holiday plans as necessary to ensure we are covered during the storm. This is appreciated greatly.

NEW BUSINESS

A.) Letter of Credit from Central Savings Bank

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to sign the letter of credit.

MOTION CARRIED

B.) Transfer \$100K to OPEB trust.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to transfer \$100k to the OPEB trust.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barry Davis thanked the road commission and wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Moser wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, noting Chairman Timmer has been a solid community guy and he will be missed at the Road Commission.

Commissioner Gagnon wished everyone a Merry Christmas and stay safe.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Vice-Chairman