

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 June 23, 2022.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Foreman Goodman.

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis, Soo Township Residents Christopher Paquin and Henry Boulette.

Chairman Timmer accepted the agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that Payroll in the amount of \$152,615.47 and Vouchers in the amount of \$417,894.26 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 9, 2022 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christopher Paquin, a resident of Soo Township, presented a speed concern on 5 ½ Mile Road. Mr. Paquin noted there are no speed limit signs on the road and that he is observing more traffic and requested speed limit signs be posted and suggested a "Children at Play" sign. Manager Laitinen informed the group that Michigan State Police is responsible for conducting speed studies used to establish speed limits and that in the absence of signage, prima facia (55 mph) is recognized. Mr. Paquin clarified a speed study was not being requested, only posted speed limit signs. Chairman Timmer suggested cautionary signage in the area rather than speed. Discussion ensued.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Working on the MDOT and Treasury accounting numbering conversion for reporting.

Superintendent Erickson

- Guys are busy doing touch-up work after brining of some gravels.

- Bruce Township roads being touched up now that rain has stopped.
- Bridge crew out getting things cleaned and trimmed.
- Prepping roads for Payne and Dolan to pave.
- Getting ready to change out some culverts.
- Mower out cutting and clearing visibility.

Foreman Goodman

- No Report.

Foreman Rye

- Working on seasonal roads.
- Bridge in Pickford still closed with detour in place.
- Working on general maintenance.

Engineer Boileau

- Finishing Industrial Park Drive today.
- Delays on bridge projects due to delivery of materials affecting the 6 Mile Road project and Pickford bridge. Payne and Dolan assures us the deadline on 6 Mile will be met. The bridge in Pickford will not be completed before the July 4th holiday, but will be completed in time for Hay Days.

Clerk Christensen

- Attended UP Road Builders and worked on catching up.

Union President Cheney

- Nothing new to report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Submitted letter of interest to be included on CRASIF ballot for the Board or Trustees.
- Attended UP Road Builders. The F&HR Committee had good discussion on several topics. The MDOT conversion was the major topic of discussion.
- The registration for the MERS conference is open. The delegate form will be presented at the next meeting.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Everything going well. Turn around time is a little slow due to availability of parts and one repair turning into multiple repairs.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Road Builders went well. Attendance was down from past years. There were 85 in attendance as opposed to 100 or so.
- Federal Aid Buyout started Tuesday. We sent out request at 10:00 a.m. MDOT received 29 applications for \$13M. They budgeted \$29M

and will continue to accept applications until the budgeted amount is reached.

- Received notice from PPG Paints that they cannot meet quantities ordered. We have not experienced an impact yet.
- Meeting with Bay Mills and MDOT regarding the 6 Mile Road jurisdictional transfer.
- Received an invitation from Central Dispatch to attend the next Rural and Ready meeting in August.
- Had inhouse training for Mis-Dig. It has become an on-line application and tracking process.
- Received notification from the conservation district regarding Pennington Road and the up-coming culvert replacement.
- Had a visit from the Mine Safety and Health Administration inspector. This was an educational visit with no citation authority. The inspector was complimentary of our operations.

NEW BUSINESS

- A.) Bid Award - GMC Terrain - a minimum bid for this vehicle was set at \$14K. One bid was received at \$16,800. Manager Laitinen recommended the bid be accepted and awarded to Michael Yeadon.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to accept and award the bid to Michael Yeadon.

MOTION CARRIED

- B.) Bid Award - Bridge Design - Design proposals were accepted for two bridges, both considered significant structures. Five bids were received. The low bid on both was received from UP Engineers and Architects (UPEA). Manager Laitinen had concern over the bid difference of \$40K on the Chub Creek bridge and recommended the bid be awarded to UPEA after a conversation with UPEA assuring this is a reasonable difference and the work will be completed as bid. If this is not feasible, the recommendation is to award the Chub Creek bridge design to Flise.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the bid be awarded to UPEA after a conversation with UPEA assuring this is a reasonable difference and the work will be completed as bid. If this is not feasible, then award the Chub Creek bridge design to Flise. .

MOTION CARRIED - Chairman Timmer - Yes, Commissioner Moser - Yes, Commissioner Gagnon - Abstain

- C.) Rudyard Township Road Agreement - Intersection of Mackinac Trail, Tilson Road, Main Street, and English Street with township portion \$175,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to sign the Rudyard Township Road Agreement as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

County Commissioners Comments

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis thanked Engineer Boileau and everyone for getting the road agreement passed.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Moser noted the UP Road Builders being a good meeting. He noted the work on M-134 on Drummond Island looks good.

Chairman Timmer noted the crew is doing good work and to stay safe so we can meet again in two weeks.

MOTION CARRIED

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman