

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 August 1, 2024.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Rye, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Engineer Boileau, Foreman Goodman.

ABSENT: Superintendent Erickson, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Clerk Christensen, Union President Eavou, Engineer Tech Tuori, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that the July 3, 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$183,669.25 and Vouchers in the amount of \$139,847.86 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that August 1, 2024, Payroll in the amount of \$182,689.06 and Vouchers in the amount of \$334,016.05 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 July 18, 2024, and place them of file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis expressed appreciation for the work done to the 5-way intersection.

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Nothing new to report.

Superintendent Erickson

- No report.

Foreman Johnston

- No report.

Foreman Goodman

- It's getting to dry out. The gravel roads are starting to fall apart.
- Changing culverts.
- Gravel on Wildcat Road done.

Foreman Johnson

- No report.

Foreman Rye

- State mowing done.
- Working on Peasley Road.
- Working on Prentis Bay Road.

Engineer Boileau

- Finishing up the chipseal project and starting the fog seal today.
- Paving 10-Mile Road today as part of the Dafter Detour Route.
- The overlay on Mackinac Trail between 9 and 10 Mile Roads should be done by end of next week.
- Charlotte River bridge closure will begin after the Labor Day holiday and will last until approximately October 15.
- Payne & Dolan are looking to include the Mackinac Trail paving packages, 3 to 6 Mile and 6 Mile to M-28, in this years work during September and early October.

Engineer Tech Tuori

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Eavou

- No Report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Keeping equipment running.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Completed the health insurance renewal with all staff and applied the withholding rate change with today's date as the effective date.
- Attended CRA committee meetings and the MCRCSIP Annual meeting.
- Trained on and completed the quarter end financials with Office Manager Decker.
- Completed the workers' compensation annual audit.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Attended CRA meetings and Evaluation of director in Mt. Pleasant.
- Into the final permits steps with EPA in Chicago for the 12 Mile Bridge by-pass.
- Scheduled to meet with the Forrest Service to discuss some possible cooperative projects.
- Invited to participate in the quarterly CRA/MDOT executive meeting in coordination with presence on the negotiating committee for the MDOT maintenance contract.
- Contacted by MDOT to contract work as a bypass through our state maintenance contract for the replacement of delineators from the Mackinac Bridge to the International Bridge.
- Working on interviews to hire for the vacant positions. Two individuals have been hired: Calvin Wilson and Ryan Shunk.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Award HMA Patching Package Bid - Manager Laitinen presented the bid, noting that on individual line item, Bacco was low bid on the Mission Hill repairs and Payne and Dolan was low bid for the patching work with a notation indicating a possibility of work not being completed this year. When

looking at bid as a package, Bacco was low bidder and Manager Laitinen recommended awarding entire bid to Bacco.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to award Bacco the HMA Patching Package.

MOTION CARRIED

B. Award M-221 Pavement Repair Bid - Manager Laitinen reminded the board of a truck/camper fire a few weeks ago which caused damage to the intersection of M-221 and Lakeshore Drive in Brimley. Payne and Dolan was the only bidder for this patch at \$72,063. Due to the excessive pricing, MDOT has requested this bid be rejected on their behalf.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to reject the bid from Payne and Dolan.

MOTION CARRIED

C. CRASIF Ballot - Manager Laitinen presented the ballot with three, three-year positions to be elected. The road commission is to vote to elect a candidate for the Northern, UP, and At Large seats. The recommendation was to vote for the current incumbents, Lisa Kleeman, Jesse Campbell, and Darrel Cass.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to cast Chippewa County Road Commissions votes for the current incumbents.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Reaffirm Policies #3 - Seasonal Road Policy, #4 - Acceptance of Roads onto County System, and #6 - Mailbox Replacement. Manager Laitinen reviewed the policies, indicating no changes have been made.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to reaffirm Policies #3, #4, and #6 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

County Commissioners Comments

- Commissioner Traynor reported he has been appointed to the Algoma Spills Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gagnon wished everyone "stay safe". The meeting adjourned at 8:30 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman