

**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 26, 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 Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Foreman Goodman, Union President Eavou, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Engineer Boileau.

**ABSENT:** Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

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

Engineer Boileau requested the addition of Discussion of Consulting/Inspection service for bridge work in 2025 be added to the agenda as item a. under new business.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to add item a. and accept the agenda.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that September 26, 2024 Payroll in the amount of \$221,821.23 and Vouchers in the amount of \$780,679.09 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 September 12, 2024 and place them of file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- None

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- Working with new IT Contract.
- Interviews this week for payroll position.
- Working on inventory.

Foreman Johnston

- Brush hog / mowing work.
- Salt/sand set up in preparation of winter.

Foreman Goodman

- Brush hog/mowing work.

Foreman Johnson

- Finished the DNR pipe work off of Prentiss Bay.
- Working on Peasley.
- Finished up the shoulder work behind Bacco.

Engineer Boileau

- Working on Mackinac Trail over the Charlotte River. The box culvert installation is on track for a road re-opening on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Milling on Mackinac Trail overlay from 3 Mile Road to 6 Mile Road is scheduled to start next week. The section from 6 Mile to 9 Mile will probably be pushed until Spring 2025.

- Received MDOT overview clearance for 16 Mile, Bound Road, and the 12 Mile Bridge replacement.
- Asset Management Plan is due for updates October 2025.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Eavou

- Nothing new to report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- The first truck has been sent to Valley for the frame rebuild.
- Maintenance work has been done to the wings to prepare for winter. Most of them are 7-9 years old and have had some maintenance done including sandblasting and painting.
- The garage doors have been installed in the main facility. The work area is more effective and efficient with this upgrade.
- Telephone quotes for a salt shed sand loader have been requested from four dealers.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Interviews this week.
- Morgan Stanley rep will be onsite Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Staff can schedule appointments through me.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- The Pickford/Goetzville/Drummond crews have been working on the Prentiss Bay culvert project. Recognized the challenges this project has presented, noting how well it has turned out, and thanked the crew.
- Interviewing for the payroll position. Six of the fourteen or so applicants have been scheduled to interview. Should make a decision next week.
- The crews did a nice job on the big box culvert on Mackinac Trail.
- MDOT fiscal year ends September 30, 2024. It has been requested that all billing for state work be submitted by October 7, 2024.
- The Road Commission will be hosting a winter operations meeting with MDOT on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at the Kinross Township Hall. Everyone should report for duty there.
- Received a summons to appear in Circuit Court regarding the vacating of an alley within city limits.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discuss need for consulting/inspection services for 2025 - Engineer Boileau presented a high-level overview of the scope of the Chub Creek Bridge project scheduled for 2025. Vendors are being solicited for quotes to provide consulting/inspection services to mitigate over-runs, provide greater field expertise, and other services during the install as a means to control costs. Preliminary costs are between \$200K - \$275K. No action on this item is necessary. Information presented only.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**County Commissioners Comments**

- Commissioner Traynor reported things are slow but still waiting to meet with Algoma.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Moser noted feelings of a slighted relationship with the O'Connors dealership with our last purchase of pickups going through the state rather than a local source. Manager Laitinen explained that phone conversation regarding this had taken place and recognized that while the commission earned on the sale is not the issue, the performance of the dealership is measured on sales volume. With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gagnon wished everyone "Stay Safe" and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Jeremy Gagnon  
Chairman