

**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 October 10, 2024.

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

**PRESENT:** Chairman Gagnon, Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Manager Laitinen, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Foreman Goodman, Union President Eavou, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Engineer Boileau.

**ABSENT:** Office Manager Decker, Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

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

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Chairman Gagnon to accept the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that October 10, 2024, Payroll in the amount of \$183,671.28 and Vouchers in the amount of \$560,836.08 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 26, 2024, and place them of file.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- NONE

**STAFF REPORTS**

Office Manager Decker

- No Report.

Foreman Johnston

- Salt sand piled up in the Soo.
- Brushing in Claybanks.
- Concrete apron poured for the new doors at the mechanics' shop.

Foreman Goodman

- Last few culverts changed out.
- Putting up salt and ice-sand at Rudyard.
- Eckerman Ice-sand ready.

Foreman Johnson

- Peasley Road finished and mulched.
- Mowing complete on Drummond Island.
- Finishing up grading and shoulder work. Last few culverts being changed out.
- Salt is done in Pickford and Goetzville.

Engineer Boileau

- The overlay for Mackinac Trail from Three Mile Road to Six Mile Road and the Six Mile to M-28 will likely be pushed to Spring 2025.
- Waiting on guard rail to finish up the Mackinac Trail over Charlotte River project.
- M-28 Railroad Replacement project is on schedule.

- CCRC was notified by Sargent Verlin from Michigan State Police (MSP) there is no traffic control order for 25mph for Dafter Township. We must pull down all signs, wait 30 days, then reapply with MSP for a speed study.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Eavou

- Mechanics appreciate the upgrade to the shop.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Helping the sign foreman cover the parts room during an extended absence.
- Sam SanMiguel from Mackinaw Administrators / CRASIF came for a worksite audit. He was very happy with the conditions of the shop.
- Working on capital outlay list.

Clerk Livermore

- No Report.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

**MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Condolences to the family of Jim Moore, former Kinross Township Supervisor. We valued our relationship with him and will miss him greatly.
- Received a request from Kinross Township to rename the "Shortcut Road" (connects Country Club Drive to Gaines Highway) after Jim Moore. Four signs have been ordered for "Moore Drive". The township needs to pass a resolution to present at our next meeting for final approval.
- A celebration of life for Jim Moore will be held Saturday, October 10, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Kinross Hall.
- Received an invitation to attend the new sheriff's building open house on November 4, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
- Winter Operations training with MDOT was last Wednesday.
- Night Operations will begin on November 9, 2024, and end April 12, 2025, per MDOT.
- County nights will begin when weather dictates.
- The crew will return to 5 - 8s beginning October 28, 2024.
- Grader training provided by MTU is next Monday, October 14, 2024. Ten operators will attend and train on Soo Line, Ridge Road, or Maple Road.
- Payroll Clerk position filled. Amber McLean will start Monday, October 14, 2024.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Bay Mills Indian Community request for Speed Study on West Tower Road and West Spectacle Lake Road.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to order the speed study.

**MOTION CARRIED**

- b. Pickford Wetland Mitigation Purchase

**MOTION** by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize the Pickford Wetland Mitigation Purchase.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**County Commissioners Comments**

- Commissioner Traynor reported Republican party meet and greet was in the Soo last week with all state/fed reps and senators. Senator DaMoose gave out grant applications and Commissioner Traynor gave one to CCRC so the Road Commission can apply for a grant for Pickford Township Pleasant Avenue project.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis requested the date of the Federal Aid Five Year Plan meeting. Engineer Boileau announced the meeting to be held Monday, October 28, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chippewa County Road Commission Board Room.

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

None.

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

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Stephanie Boileau  
Deputy-Clerk for the Board

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Jeremy Gagnon  
Chairman