

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 29, 2024.

Vice-Chairman Moser called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner Moser, Commissioner Sprague, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Clerk Livermore, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Engineer Boileau.

ABSENT: Chairman Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Clerk Christensen, Foreman Rye, Engineer Tech Tuori, Foreman Goodman, Union President Eavou, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

GUEST PRESENT: Chippewa County Commissioner Jim Traynor.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser that August 29, 2024, Payroll in the amount of \$179,821.26 and Vouchers in the amount of \$235,779.76 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 August 15, 2024, and place them of file.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to approve the Public Hearing Minutes from August 15, 2024, and place them of file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- Month-end work with Clerk Livermore.

Foreman Johnston

- Finished shoulder gravel on detour route - M-28, Soo Line, 10-Mile Road.
- Replacing pipes and ditching as time allows.
- Mowing on Sugar Island.

Foreman Goodman

- No report.

Foreman Johnson

- Prentiss Bay temporary bridge is complete with first pipe built and ready to be placed.
- Starting the 3rd section of pipe on Prentiss Bay. This is paid for by the DRN.
- Three state mowers out.

Foreman Rye

- No report.

Engineer Boileau

- The detour route in Dafter Township is ready. Tentatively, Elmers is ready to start September 16th with the closure. Still waiting on the go-ahead from the rail company.
- Bacco is doing lots of patch work in the area. We have received several calls regarding insurance claims related to this work. We are working to resolve this.
- Tuesday, September 3rd, the Charlotte River Bridge replacement starts with a closure to through traffic on Seven and Eight Mile and a section of Mackinac Trail. Schools have been notified and bus routes have been altered.

Engineer Tech Tuori

- No Report.

Clerk Christensen

- No report.

Union President Eavou

- No Report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Nothing new to report.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Wished Superintendent Erickson and Mike Giddis best wishes into retirement. Superintendent Erickson's last day was last week. Today is Mike's last day, having served the Road Commission for 11 years.
- Attended the Cogitate user group meeting in Emmet County. Some more of the details of the Earned Sick Time Act were provided.
- After the meeting in Emmet, attended several webinars regarding the passages of the Earned Sick Time Act and what to expect, as well as had conversations with Wendy Hardt. The provisions if left unchanged at the Legislature will go into effect in February 2025 or at the renewal of the next CBA after that date.
- Working with Manager Laitinen and Office Manager Decker to get the payroll position advertised. The overlap in position will allow for cross training and focused training on budget process.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2% Contribution from Bay Mills Indian Community (BMIC) - The Road Commission was chosen by BMIC to receive part of their Local Revenue Sharing Payments. Being selected to receive these funds is greatly appreciated. Engineer Boileau reported that these types of revenue may be used to further enhance the infrastructure of BMIC in future projects such as:

- Mission Hill overlay
- Tower Rd Realignment
- Safe Routes to School - separated multiuse path parallel to Lakeshore
- Applying for grants for Curley Lewis, Spectacle Lake Rd, Monocle Lake Rd

- Roadway Safety Audit (RSA), which identifies hazards at intersections or other high conflict points between different road users and brainstorms possible mitigation techniques. Once you have the RSA report, it opens up different avenues for grants and other safety funding.
- Alternative access for Mission Hill Cemetery and other cultural places of importance
- Pavement markings, signage, and crosswalk upgrades
- Evacuation route planning and directing investments to identified routes.

B. Award Propane Bid - Office Manager Decker reported Shute Oil and Autore Oil were the low bid in their respective areas (Shute - Eckerman & Autore all other garages requiring propane) and recommended the bid be awarded to Shute and Autore.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to award the propane bid to Shute Oil and Autore Oil.

MOTION CARRIED

C. RESOLUTION 2024-20 - Reversal of RESOLUTION 2023-16.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-20.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

D. RESOLUTION 2024-21 - Prohibition of Package Delivery Receptacles in the ROW.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to adopt RESOLUTION 2024-24.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

None

County Commissioners Comments

- Commissioner Traynor reported receipt of a phone call regarding the cut-out on Gogomain Road. He noted the driver admitted to driving more than 50mph in spite of the warning sign.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:28 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Charles Moser
Vice-Chairman