

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 December 5, 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, Clerk Livermore, Foreman Johnston, Foreman Johnson, Fleet Manager Donajkowski, Engineer Boileau, Clerk Christensen, Clerk McLean.

ABSENT: Foreman Goodman, Union President Eavou, Chief Mechanic Marsh.

GUEST PRESENT: Rudyard Township Supervisor Barry Davis.

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

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague that the December 5, 2024, Payroll in the amount of \$223,041.78 and Vouchers in the amount of \$605,015.93 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 November 21, 2024, and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- NONE

STAFF REPORTS

Office Manager Decker

- New computers are up and running.
- New phone system should be on-line on December 10th.

Foreman Johnston

- Busy plowing snow.

Foreman Goodman

- No report.

Foreman Johnson

- Busy Plowing.
- Night driver had a minor fender bender this week. No injuries.

Engineer Boileau

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk Christensen

- Nothing new to report.

Clerk McLean

- Nothing new to report.

Union President Eavou

- No Report.

Fleet Manager Donajkowski

- Finished yearend inventory count. Working to clean up coding in software to make process for next year more efficient.
- Installing new telephones at satellite garages.

Clerk Livermore

- On November 21st, the funds lost in a check washing fraud incident were credited back to our account. Working with software programmer and bank to establish "Positive Pay" as a tool to help protect the Road Commission from this type of fraud in the future.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Had a great vacation. Thanked the staff for the excellent response to weather that came with the storm that passed through.
- Participated in an on-site interview with Jim LeHockey regarding preparation for the storm. Used the opportunity to get the new 200 foot law communicated.
- Attended the CRA negotiating meeting for the State Maintenance Contract.
- Reviewing a package of bills proposed by Matt Hall that could equate to nearly \$2.7B dollars added to road funding.
- Received comment back from the EPA regarding the 12 Mile bridge permit.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Tower Road Realignment Project Agreement - Engineer Boileau presented a request for authorization to sign the agreement for this 2025 project which is to be paid 100% by grant funding received by the Bay Mills Tribe.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to authorize Engineer Boileau to sign the Tower Road Realignment Project agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

- b. Whitefish Bay Scenic Byway Resource Protection Project Agreement - Engineer Boileau presented a request for authorization to sign the agreement for this 2025 project which is to be paid 100% by grant funding received by the Bay Mills Tribe.

MOTION by Commissioner Sprague **SECONDED** by Commissioner Moser to authorize Engineer Boileau to sign the Whitefish Bay Scenic byway Resource Protection Agreement.

MOTION CARRIED

- c. 2025 Meeting Schedule - Clerk Livermore presented the proposed 2025 meeting schedule, highlighting dates the regular Thursday meeting date would be earlier.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to approve the 2025 meeting schedule.

MOTION CARRIED

- d. Authorization for Bay Mills Township Access Grant - Manager Laitinen presented the need for this authorization so a boat launch can be installed at the Access Road in Bay Mills Township. The Road Commission must sign the Authorization so work can be performed in the ROW.

MOTION by Commissioner Moser **SECONDED** by Commissioner Sprague to authorize the Engineer or Manager to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

None

County Commissioners Comments

- None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Manager Decker reminded the group of the Public Hearing scheduled immediately following the next regular meeting on December 19, 2024. The notice and advertisement has been done.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Sprague complimented the crew on the great job done during the storm.

With no further business to come before the Board, Chairman Gagnon wished everyone "Stay Safe" and the meeting adjourned at 8:21 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Jeremy Gagnon
Chairman