

**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, Michigan on July 25, 2019.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Goodman, Union President Mills, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Payroll/H.R. Clerk Livermore.

**ABSENT:** Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Clerk Ranta.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$139,072.42 and Vouchers in the amount of \$107,567.59 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

Chairman Timmer asked Office Manager Decker if there were any special items from vouchers that were paid this time. He responded that there was a loan payment, insurances, and some clean-up of outstanding accounts payable checks.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes on July 11, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore had no comments at this time.

**STAFF REPORTS**

Foreman Goodman

- The crew has been out on M-28, pulling shoulders from Mackinac Trail to Raco.
- Mowing is going well and the crew is moving from Rudyard to Brimley.
- The crew dug a ditch to drain the water off in Whitefish Township around the Farm Truck Trail area.

Office Manager Decker

- The propane bids are in for review.
- Propane tank purchase almost final. If we have to change propane companies in the future, we will not have to have the tanks changed.

- Working on the corrective action for PA202. Our corrective action timeframe conflicts with the actuary information. Have a call with Treasury to work on this today.
- Interviews for the AP Clerk position took place on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

#### Union President Mills

- No comments at this time.

#### Payroll/H.R. Clerk Livermore

- No comments at this time.

#### Chief Mechanic Marsh

- The new mower/tractor will be here today or tomorrow. The roadside mower for it is in Pickford.
- Our smallest mower is down. We are waiting on parts for it.
- We are starting to get the trucks ready for winter.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Manager Laitinen provided Foreman Erickson's update:
  - The crews have completed the work on Dunbar Road along the Charlotte River.
  - The crews are working on Sugar Island.
  - We've been working with Tunnel Vision to survey the storm sewers in Dafter. Most blockages have been caused by residents (i.e. children's ball, cement block)
  - The Pickford crew is on 21 Mile Road.
- Tom is on Drummond Island meeting with the Health Department to get a permit for the drain field work at the garage. Discussion ensued.
- There is a resolution ready for the Curley Lewis Highway.
- There is one outstanding item, a permit from MDOT, necessary for Gaines Highway.
- Lakeshore Drive in Brimley is almost complete. Shoulder work needs to be completed. Tom delivered a notice of damages to Payne & Dolan for not completing the project on time.
- Governor Whitmer is scheduled to visit on August 13, 2019 to see one of our critical bridges. We will be showing her the Charlotte River Bridge on Mackinac Trail and 7 Mile Road. Discussion ensued.
- We had 102 applicants for the AP Clerk position. We did 5 interviews and identified 2 obvious choices. We are making an offer today - name to be released after offer accepted.
- The crew is starting the box culvert project at Sweiger Creek.
- Attended the insurance pool meeting and negotiating committee meeting. Discussion ensued.
- At the JETC meeting, MDOT and DEQ presented the monarch butterfly issue. They asked for the road commissions to dedicate 5% of the

right of way to the habitat of the butterflies, since the monarch is about to be listed as endangered. Our right of way isn't wide enough and the safety of our motorists is our primary concern. Discussion ensued.

- Our 12-mile box culvert project will be featured in a published article in Process Solutions Magazine.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resolution 2019-10 - Acceptance of the MDOT contract for the Curley Lewis Highway project. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve Resolution 2019-10 the MDOT Contract for the Curley Lewis Highway project.

#### **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE**

- B. Propane Bids - the bid tab was provided with the list of bids received for propane for the 2019-2020 winter. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to award the propane contract to Webster Garner as the low bid and accept all other bids if needed.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. Local paving - the bids came back with Payne & Dolan as lowest bidder at \$2.4 million. Manager Laitinen noted that this pricing is out of line when compared to the bids for the Curley Lewis highway that were opened a week prior. With support from several township supervisors, Manager Laitinen recommended all bids be rejected at this time. **MOTION** by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to reject all bids and postpone to a later date while we look at options.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

- D. 2019 CRASIF Board of Trustee Candidates Ballot - Three incumbents (John Hunt, Mary Scholander, Jerry Smigelski) up for re-election, all running unopposed. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to vote for all three candidates.

#### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Reaffirm Board Policies #11 & #13:  
This is tabled until the next meeting.

#### **COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS**

Chairman Timmer expressed his desire for the CCRC to participate in the EUP Internship Fair. He would like to have our staff at LSSU. Discussion ensued.

Pickford School has invited employers to visit their school with career opportunities that do not require a college degree. Discussion ensued.

Stay safe!

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 A.M.

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Bobbie Livermore  
Clerk for the Board

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Richard B. Timmer  
Chairman