

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 September 5, 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 Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Foreman McConkey, Engineer VanDorn, Union President Mills, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: N/A

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$140,026.39 and Vouchers in the amount of \$329,791.45 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes on August 22, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- We had a preconstruction meeting with Payne and Dolan on the Curley Lewis project. Looking at starting construction this fall.
- Everything is submitted to MDOT for the Ranger Road project.
- The review is back from the National Bridge inspection. We have ordered 5 new signs for load restriction structures.
- Met with DeTour Village on North Caribou Lake Road - plans look good.

Foreman Erickson

- Busy on Sugar Island. The undercut is done on 6 Mile near West Shore Drive. Steep slope work left.
- Doing grading work when we can on the gravel roads.
- The brush-hog is working on the side-roads.

Foreman McConkey

- East Clay road work has stopped for now near the home of Don Stefanski as a sign of respect to the family during this time after his sudden passing.
- Brush-hog has been working on Drummond creating visibility at Cream City.
- The shop is busy. The mechanic is getting the trucks ready for winter work.
- We've done some patching as needed.
- Beavers are becoming a problem in the area.

Foreman Goodman

- We are digging a ditch at Maple Block and have about one more week of work.
- The mower is headed back out for more roadside trimming.
- Been completing blading/dragging and other road maintenance.

Office Manager Decker

- Nothing at this time.

Union President Mills

- Thank you for the jackets.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- No Report

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Next Wednesday, going to Detroit to pick up chassis for a new shop repair truck.
- Getting ready for winter - most plows have been repaired.
- Visiting garages to make repair lists.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- This week we received news of the passing of former employee, Donald Stefanski. We have shut down the work in progress around the family home to give the family some quiet time.
- We had a light week here with the fair last week. The CCRC had good representation at the fair and we got some good feedback on the two plows painted with murals kept on Drummond Island.
- We met with Morgan Stanley on our 457 plan and our 115 trust. We have had discussion regarding their capability to manage a DB plan and be a true fiduciary of funds.
- Participated in a call regarding our unfunded liabilities and the performance of the MERS investments. We would like to request CRA to fund an independent actuarial for 3 counties, looking at demographics, assumptions, and calculations, with CCRC obligated to pay for ½ of our portion.
- Tahquamenon Area Schools would like to borrow some old survey equipment for a construction geometry class. A contact at Michigan Tech. was able to get two full kits sent.

- Bridge passes for the Mackinac Bridge are changing from cards to window stickers assigned to vehicles. Clerk Christensen has verified we can get numerous stickers associated with our account for our vehicles.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2019-11 - Petition to discontinue/abandon West Postma Road in Kinross Township. Mr. Ritter presented additional information as requested in prior meeting. **MOTION** by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve resolution as presented.

MOTION CARRIED by UNANAMOUS ROLL CALL

- B. Direct deposit update: Clerk Livermore reported we continue to enroll staff and are at 58% participation. The enrollment form for commissioners has been included in their board information.
- C. Manager Evaluation - commissioners will complete the written evaluation document and provide to Chairman Timmer at a Special Meeting scheduled to follow the regular board meeting on September 19, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

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

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

None at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

MDOT was seen working on M-28 near Raco with a truck by a guardrail. Commissioner Ormsbee questioned the work being done. Discussion ensued.

Clarification on adding a rail crossing was requested. Discussion ensued.

Stay safe!

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:59 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman