

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 November 6, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioner Timmer, LaJoie and Ormsbee, Office Mgr. Decker, Clerk McDowell, Project Engineer Deatruck, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Pesola, Chief Mechanic Avery and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Manager Laitinen

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie that the Payroll in the amount of \$117,094.51 and Vouchers in the amount of \$469,044.13 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 23, 2014.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Jim Moore stated he had a resident living in the Arbor Ridge Development at the top of hill who is requesting that her road be snowplowed. He also inquired what the schedule would be for paving the Kincheloe Streets in the spring.

Project Manager Deatruck stated Manager Laitinen had indicated to him it would be soon after seasonal limitations were lifted.

STAFF REPORTS

Chief Mechanic Avery

- Routine equipment maintenance in preparation for our winter season.

Foreman McConkey

- Grading Roads
- Stock piling winter salt/sand on Drummond Island
- Changing a few pipes
- Equipment Maintenance

Foreman Pesola

- Grading Roads
- Equipment maintenance
- Installing winter snow markers on routes
- Working on beaver problems

Foreman Erickson

- Screening material in Soo pit
- Cold patching
- Equipment maintenance

Surveyor Wiggins

- Working on ice/sand and gravel inventories

Office Mgr. Decker

- BC/BS meeting went well renewal rates look favorable, but didn't have active rates available and are waiting to receive them before moving forward.
- New photo copier was purchased from National Office in the amount of \$5,047.00 and was delivered Tuesday.
- Received the paperwork from BC/BS to make the change to our plan year. BC/BS does ask for either a letter from legal council or our CPA confirming the reasons for the request. We will renew for February 1st with the current rates and then BC/BS will regenerate the rates in July for renewal in August.

Project Manager Deatruck

- Construction is completed for the year
- The only county paving to be completed was Centerline Road.
- Working on final quantities
- County pavement marking was completed by PK Contracting. They also striped Gaines Hwy and Bound Road.
- Working on next years projects. The first project will be Mackinac Trail between 12 Mile Road and Gaines Hwy.

Engineer Krouth

- Received one alternate technical concept from a company for the Sugar Island Causeway project. Still hopeful that we will get a bid for the 4.3
- Working on putting together billings for the Sugar Island storm damage.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-None

MANAGERS REPORT (reported by Office Mgr. Decker)

- MDEQ legal issues continue will be busy in depositions today and tomorrow. Parties to give depositions are former Chairman Louis MacDonald, former Manager Dirk Heckman and Manager Laitinen.
- Informed the Board that Mr. Rudy Johnson who won a County Board seat in Tuesday's election will be ineligible to work for us as a seasonal snow plow operator as in the past. Mr. Johnson has been informed that there is an Attorney General's opinion on this matter which makes it illegal for us to employ him. It does however allow us to place him on a leave of absence. No action required at this time.
- Ads have closed for additional seasonal temporary operators. Will be scheduling interviews for next week.
- Winter operations meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th. All law enforcement and school transportation directors have been invited to attend. Commissioners are welcome but not necessary.
- MDOT night and weekend watch have begun for the season. Have provided a phone coverage and call sheet for Board.
- Manager Laitinen plans on vacation from November 14th through November 18th, will work the 19th and 20th and then will be on vacation the rest of November.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Supervisor Moore thanked Project Manager Deatruck for getting Gaines Highway marked. He also stated his appreciation for having Mackinac Trail from 12 Mile Road to Gains Hwy on the project list for next year.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Timmer stated that with such a wet fall and compiled with a hard winter it could be looking at another bad spring breakup.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:20 a.m.

Christine A. McDowell
Secretary for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman