

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 August 9, 2018.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Project Manager Jere, Clerk Price, Chief Mechanic Marsh and Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$139,942.49 and Vouchers in the amount of \$320,576.11 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes held on July 28, 2018.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Replaced a large 8 foot culvert at Sucker Creek on Sugar Island.
- Clearing along Townhall Rd on Sugar Island.
- AMZ crew has been out patching.
- Gravel Rd maintenance.
- Mowing for the season is just about complete.

Foreman Goodman

- Taking advantage of the dry weather.
- Extensive maintenance to the normally very wet Maple Block area.
- Roadside mower broke down and is in for repairs.
- Started fill job on Prairie Road.
- Started the culvert replacement job on Tremblay Road.

Foreman McConkey

- Rocky Point Road is nearing completion. Slope and shoulder work remain.
- Blacktop maintenance.
- Dragging Gravel Roads.

Office Manager Decker

- Reviewing applications and holding interviews.
- Reported on the MERS (Michigan Employee Retirement System) statement of Fiduciary Net Position for quarter ending 6/30/2018. On an account balance over 10,000,000.00 (Ten Million) interest of \$116.08 was earned and fees of \$4593.61 were charged for a three month period. In comparison our basic savings account with Central Saving Bank has a balance of \$350,000.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Thousand) and earned 378.00 in interest in ONE MONTH. Discussion ensued. Manager Laitinen will be meeting with Representative Chatfield to propose legislative oversight of MERS Investment Policy.

Project Manager Jere

- The Baker Side Rd. and Kincheloe Dr projects are complete.
- Dave Helmsetter with AECOM has been assisting the Engineering department with project documentation and vendor payments.
- Lakeshore Dr. Project will be getting underway next week.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Today is our Diesel Mechanic Intern Zach Sebastian's last day. He has more than exceeded our expectations and has been invited back to help during college breaks and again next summer.
- The new Case Loader purchased for use on Drummond Island broke down after three hours of use. It was determined that the front axle had not been filled with oiled and thus locked up. This issue was missed by both the factory and the dealer and will be repaired under warranty.
- The shop has been busy.

Union President Mills - No Report

Managers Report

- Received a copy of an article published in the American Review of Canadian Studies written by Eric Zeemering. Result of an interview by Mr. Zeemering during the early stages of the Little Rapids Project. The article focuses on the coordination of agencies, both U.S. and Canadian in maintaining our common waterways.
- Received a dismissal notice from EEOC in reference to the Raymond Johnson age discrimination claim. No wrong doing was found.
- Manager Laitinen reviewed the status of the Countywide projects and mentioned that the arrangement with AECOM is working out well.
- The 15 Mile Rd project is complete and came in under the projected bid amount.
- It has been agreed upon that the Forest Service culvert project at Swieger Creek will be pushed back to 2019.

- The East Lake box culvert project will still be completed this season.
- Manager Laitinen mentioned that both of the summer interns did a great job and were a tremendous help in their perspective fields.
- A FOIA request was received from Attorney Adrienne Wolf requesting maintenance records for Maple Block Road dating back to 2007. Office Manager Decker is handling the request.
- Whitefish Township resident Bridget Nodurft requested information on our grass cutting safety program. She is concerned that the natural habitat, milkweed, for the Monarch Butterfly has/will be disturbed. A response will be sent.
- Notice of a 2019 Category F project agreement between MDOT and CCRC was received. This project is for repairs to the Ferry Dock Road. The funds for the project will pass through the Road Commission to EUPTA and MDOT.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to renew bond for DNR pit lease.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the resolution to renew the bond for DNR pit lease.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE

OLD BUSINESS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer had several discussion items including brine sampling, Plantation Rd upgrades and chip seal vs blacktop in preserving roads.

Commissioner Gagnon mentioned that he toured the Rocky Pt. Rd. project and that it looked great.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 A.M.

Amy L. Price
Clerk

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman