

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 10, 2017.

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 Mgr. Decker, Engineer Krouth, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Clerk Price, and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Chief Mechanic Marsh

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$124,248.94 and Vouchers in the amount of \$370,581.59 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman McConkey

- Spring Bay Road is just about complete. Looks Great!
- Dragging roads and repairing washouts.
- Roadside mowing going well.
- Removal of fallen trees.
- Mechanic busy.

Foreman Goodman

- Prairie Road culvert change should be complete next week.
- The Paradise area was re-brined.
- Grading gravel roads.
- Roadside grass cutting going well.
- Gravel crushing in Hulbert almost complete.
- Maple Block & Widewaters Roads and surrounding area are still very wet and holding water.

Foreman Erickson

- The Lockhart Road job is complete. Crew did a great job!
- Keeping up with grading the gravel roads.

- Ditch maintenance along I-75 by the I-500 track.
- Crack sealer is out on I-75.
- Roadside mowing in the area is continuing.
- Moved to 12 Mile for the box culvert project.

Surveyor Wiggins

- Gravel crushing in Hulbert will be complete by Brow Crushing on Monday.
- Complete project staking on Hulbert and Pt. Aux Frene Rd's.
- 9 Mile Box Culvert permit has been applied for and is getting fast tracked.

Office Manager Decker

- Received quote on security upgrades from Telephone Support Systems for \$8500.00. That would include equipment and install.
- Also priced out the 3M security film for windows at \$1400.00.
- General accounting and reporting.
- M.C.R.C.S.I.P. does not offer any discounts for security upgrades and training but they will cover the equipment purchased.

Union President Hopper

- Commended Eckerman employee Chris Hoornstra for helping out in the mechanic shop.
- Rudyard employee Neil Uponen did a great job cleaning up the Kinross pit area.

Manager Laitinen

- Thanked the office staff and Foreman for their hard work while he was off.
- Finalizing Twp road agreements for this season. Then will be putting the paving package together.
- Forest Service agreement has been returned.
- Engineer Krouth quickly put together the information needed to move forward with the 9 Mile Project. Approximate cost is \$197,583.00.
- A Safety Grant application has also been completed by Engineer Krouth. This would be for improvements to Guardrail along the 6 Mile overpass, the Mackinac Trail at 12 Mile overpass and Shunk Road at the Charlotte River Bridge. A supporting letter from MDOT was included with the Grant application.
- The 12 Mile Box Culvert job is moving forward. The initial start date was August 21st but due to contractor delays the set date has been pushed back to the 28th. We could continue with the 21st but we would be responsible for the crane rental that would run about \$25,000.
- The Paradise area is still very wet. Not much we can do but give it time.

- Continuing to work on staffing. Alan Kowalski worked as a seasonal employee in our Eckerman facility last winter. He will be assigned to Eckerman and will start on Monday the 14th.

NEW BUSINESS

C.R.A.S.I.F. Board of Trustees Election

Chairman Timmer went over the list of Trustee Candidates, where they are from and the associations they are affiliated with. Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon to cast our votes for Jesse Campbell, Doug Robidoux, Jerry Smigelski and Tom Doty for the C.R.A.S.I.F. Board of Trustees.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS None

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Manager Laitinen mentioned that he recently met a State Rep from Arizona at a Neebish Island gathering. He commented how good our roads are in Chippewa County and was quite impressed with the Sugar Island Bridge Project.

Clerk Price mentioned that August is open enrollment month for Health Insurance. The enrollment form's are out and due back by August 23rd.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Gagnon said that he has been past our job sites and that attention to safety at our jobsites is obvious. Please keep it up!

Commissioner Ormsbee stated that he saw City workers not using proper safety procedures and mentioned how our staff works very safely.

Chairman Timmer thanked everyone and reminded the crew's to stay safe so we can come back and do it again.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard Timmer
Chairman