

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 17, 2014.

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Commissioners Timmer, LaJoie and Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Mgr. Decker, Project Mgr. Deatrick, Foreman Pesola, Engineer Askwith and Union President Hopper.

ABSENT: Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Chief Mechanic Avery, Clerk McDowell, Foreman McConkey,

Chairman Timmer approved agenda as presented.

MOTION by Commissioner LaJoie **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$121,889.81 and Vouchers in the amount of \$342,718.26 be approve and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner LaJoie that the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on July 1, 2104 be approved and placed on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Jim Moore asked about the progress of the I-75 detour and the projected completion date. Mgr. Laitinen indicated that the scheduled completion is the end of July. Mr. Moore mentioned that H-40 has several problem areas and asked if it is scheduled for any work. Mgr. Laitinen indicated that it is not currently on any funding lists. Mr. Moore also asked about the replacement of Ambulance signs on M-80. The Ambulance signs are the responsibility of MDOT and he was directed to follow up with them. Mr. Moore spoke to the group about the new Bike Route system and the signs that were put up throughout his Township. He mentioned that the Township is considering putting up Kiosks to direct bikers to nearby points of interest. He finished by saying that Mackinac Trail was in good shape.

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Pesola

- Salt Shed prep is done.
- Making good progress on problem pipes on M-123
- Regular summer maintenance.

Engineer Askwith

- Glad to be here!
- Getting up to speed with the current projects
- Becoming familiar with CCRC policy and procedures.

Office Manager Decker

- The second Little Rapids billing is out, 1st bill was paid.
- Updating of state equipment rates is complete.
- Worked on website updates and creating a link from our site directly to the 911 site.

Project Manager Deatruck

- Ploegstra Road is complete and re-opened to traffic. It turned out very well.
- Payne and Dolan is starting work on 1 ½ Mile on Sugar Island. An August 30 completion date is projected.
- Bridge Approach/Guardrail project bids are in and were higher than expected. Discussion ensued regarding the bid prices and seeking additional funding sources.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT-None

MANAGERS REPORT

- Will be putting together the County Paving package. Waiting to hear back from the Townships to see what their needs are. Discussion ensued on various locations. Mgr. Laitinen mentioned that a mile of pavement is costing approximately \$100,000.00.
- Have been working with the Lake Superior Water Shed group to obtain soil samples on 12 Mile prior to replacement of culverts.
- We received 5 causeway bidders, 4 of the 5 were selected.
1. Hardman 2. Anlaan 3. Elmers 4. Payne & Dolan
The list of bidders was published on the Regional Planning Web site.
- Mackinac County received Federal Aid Dollars and did not spend it all for their project. The money not spent will remain with the Rural Task Force and be used to cover the overages on the 1 ½ Mile and Bridge Approach projects that ran over the estimated costs. Other projects are also being considered.
- Storm damage work on Sugar Island is nearly complete. We have one large concrete culvert left. Projecting that this will be complete this season. Paperwork for the funding is being prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS- Union President Hopper mentioned it may be a good idea to line up our equipment on the closed portion of I-75 and take a photo from the overpass for promotional purposes or for the Web-Site.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

- Commissioner Ormsbee asked about the response letter to the DEQ. Mgr. Laitinen indicated that he was working on it.

There being no further business to come before the Board Chairman Timmer adjourned the meeting at 8:55 a.m.

Amy L. Price
Deputy Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman