

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, MI on July 23, 2020, 2020.

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 A.M.

PRESENT: Commissioner Ormsbee, Commissioner Gagnon, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Engineer VanDorn, Superintendent Erickson, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Union President Mills.

ABSENT: Chairman Timmer, Foreman Rye, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Christensen.

Manager Laitinen noted that the foremen are at jobsites

GUEST PRESENT: Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, and James Moore, Kinross Township Supervisor.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee that the Payroll in the amount of \$145,727.32 and Vouchers in the amount of \$852,305.66 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 regular meeting minutes from July 09, 2020 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor, Jim Moore, commented on the cleaning up of the downed wood from the January storm. It's looking nice.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Gaines Highway - paving work and shoulders complete. Line marking and culvert lining remaining, waiting on schedule.
- Paradise garage site - EGLE will be there next week to do testing and drone work to identify alleged dump site. We were on site this week, at the request of EGLE, removing culverts and other visible metal that would interfere with testing.
- 6 Mile Bridge - OHM is working on estimate costs for box culverts versus conspan. That information should be available at the next meeting for a decision on construction method.
- Local Paving - PK has marked out the project and should begin striping in the next couple of weeks.
- Called the township supervisors to request their 2020/2021 paving projects.

Office Manager Decker

- This period we sent out \$3.5M in payables, including payments for paving work. Our cash flow is still sustaining.
- Received a call from Scott Lempke. Our trucks are ready and being shipped to Boyne Falls.
- Fuel pump system is operational. We are dealing with a priming issue in the morning due to an anti-leak safety check on the pump.

Superintendent Erickson

- The crew has completed the first stretch of widening on Nicolet Road. We have some ditching to do in that area.
- Mowing is underway.
- With the rain, we have caught up on some of the dragging.
- We've completed some shoulder and guardrail work.

Foreman Goodman - no report

Foreman Rye - no report

Clerk Christensen - reported by Clerk Livermore

- Been to all garages except Sugar Island to replenish and update all first aid kits.
- Visited Neebish Island garage.

Union President Mills

- All is good.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Continuing to program fuel fobs and train crew.
- Visited three outside garages and met with all of the employees for Open Enrollment. Have all of the forms returned and working with 44 North on completing Open Enrollment for August 1 plan start date.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- No Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Congratulations to Wayne Schoonover, Highway Engineer for Grand Traverse County. He was selected to attend a presentation at the Whitehouse. This is a great opportunity and honor.
- Met with Pickford School Board and engineer to look over the site plans, reconfiguring their road and drop off points. We are agreeable with their overall layout and will start with barricades to change the flow of traffic prior to the start of the project.
- Finalizing loader and excavator details with Rolland Machine. We are ordering the next larger bucket for the loader and will trade for the original bucket.

- Thank you to MCRCSIP for the fast delivery of guidance on all of the executive orders as they came out.
- Straits Area Council will meet in person on August 4th with the option to attend by Zoom.
- Spoke with Gallagher about their "Hot" in place recycling of road surfaces. We are considering testing it on portions of 6 Mile Road.
- Regular meetings for J-Tech and Wetland Board were held. Nothing new to report there.
- The bid request for state guardrail work has gone out.
- We have been contacted by our attorney regarding the accident in December on Riverside Drive. The plaintiff's attorney will be having their expert come to inspect our truck.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Whitefish Township Agreement - As approved at a prior meeting, we now have a signed contract with Whitefish Township regarding the erosion issue. We will coordinate with them to complete where we own land adjacent to their land.
- B. Ridge Road - We have a request from a resident on the seasonal section of Ridge to care for the section they live on. They are now a permanent resident and the township foresees development of the area and possible additional homes being built in that area. The residents have offered to provide a safe turnaround point for our drivers and have been informed that if granted this service, it will not take priority in the schedule.

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to alter the status of this section of Ridge to year round, providing the resident honors their agreement to provide a turnaround for the driver.

MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Moore inquired about funding from the tribes. He indicated that the hotel on the corner will be coming down. Launch control is coming to Kinross.

Barry Davis, Rudyard Township Supervisor, requested additional signage on Mackinac Trail prior to the 5-way stop. He also sent an email to MDOT, thanking them for the work on 3 Mile, south of Rudyard.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Ormsbee wished everyone a "stay safe".

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Brad Ormsbee
Vice-Chairman