

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 December 24, 2019.

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

PRESENT: Chairman Timmer, Commissioner Ormsbee, Manager Laitinen, Office Manager Decker, Foreman McConkey, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Engineer VanDorn, Foreman Erickson, Foreman Goodman, Payroll/HR/Board Clerk Livermore, Union President Mills, Clerk Christensen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Gagnon

GUEST PRESENT: none

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer that the Payroll in the amount of \$175,035.08 and Vouchers in the amount of \$207,198.82 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to approve the regular meeting minutes on December 12, 2019 and place them on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this time.

STAFF REPORTS

Engineer VanDorn

- Received an email from CRA - the state is starting to release funding for 2020.
- Met with Mackinac Environmental - looked at the wells at the Paradise property as well as Strongs.
- Six Mile Bridge Project - the rare species review is complete and has been determined there is "no impact."
- The Ranger Road project will have a March bid letting.
- The Shippo application is almost complete
- Received the paving bids and will discuss in Agenda item 10b

Foreman Erickson

- Busy with winter maintenance and using winter reserve of salt and sand
- We sent our blower to assist the city with snow-removal. It was a deal with MDOT and billed to MDOT. They have a vac-truck that we might be able to utilize in the spring to assist with ditch work. It was a good opportunity for some collaborative work.

Foreman Goodman

- It's been nice to have a small break in weather to catch up and clean up banks and do some truck maintenance.

Foreman McConkey

- Winter work.

Office Manager Decker

- Working on year end and budget.

Clerk Christensen

- Nothing at this time.

Union President Mills

- Nothing at this time.

Payroll/H.R./Board Clerk Livermore

- Nothing at this time.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Nice to have a break to catch up on vehicles and heavy equipment.
- On Tuesday (December 17) met with the insurance adjuster to evaluate Truck 627. We should have a determination in a week or so.

MANAGER'S REPORT

- Last week, attended the Rotary Luncheon. Gave a presentation on projects (past and future) as well as discussed some of the state political issues. Good group.
- Attended Straits Area Council for managers. Developed recommendations for committee appointments for the up-coming year.
- Worked w/paving bids
- Worked on specifications for truck and equipment bid specifications and the budget for the new year.
- A local historian has asked about our intentions with the old Charlotte Bridge, originally constructed in 1914. Discussion ensued.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request for Lane Plowing Agreement from Northwoods Christian Camp. Cost calculation to plow one mile into and out of the camp for wage and truck expense was \$175.90 per hour and did not include any salt or sand for area. Discussion ensued. No agreement was signed.

B. Conditional award of paving & chip-seal bid.

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Chairman Timmer to conditionally award the chip-seal and paving contracts to the low-bidders with the understanding we will be sending amended road agreements.

MOTION CARRIED

C. 2020 Meeting Dates:

MOTION by Chairman Timmer **SECONDED** by Commissioner Ormsbee to approve the presented schedule of meeting dates for 2020.

MOTION CARRIED

D. Upcoming conferences:

- a. UP Road Builders Winter Meeting- Thursday, January 30, 2020 & Friday, January 31, 2020 - Marquette
- b. Highway Conference & Road Show - Tuesday, March 10, 2020 through Thursday, March 12, 2020 - Radisson Hotel Lansing

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

County Commissioners Comments

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nothing at this time.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Chairman Timmer stated it has been a good year. Merry Christmas and have another safe year.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 A.M.

Bobbie Livermore
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman