

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 June 28, 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, Engineer Krouth, Project Manager Jere, Surveyor Wiggins, Foreman Erickson, Foreman McConkey, Foreman Goodman, Chief Mechanic Marsh, Clerk Ranta and Union President Mills.

ABSENT:

MOTION by Commissioner Ormsbee **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gagnon that the Payroll in the amount of \$139,916.42 and Vouchers in the amount of \$640,117.38 be approved and authorized for payment from the County Road Fund subject to audit.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Commissioner Gagnon **SECONDED** by Ormsbee to approve the Regular meeting minutes held on June 14, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kinross Township Supervisor Moore

STAFF REPORTS

Foreman Erickson

- Crew is very busy.
- Payne & Dolan paved 4 Mile from Ridge to Riverside, looks good.
- Shoulder work for the State along M-129.
- Brush Hog is in use on Sugar Island, project prep.
- Seppi Road and Northshore Road on Sugar Island have both been prepped for new 96" culverts.

Union President Mills - No Report

Office Manager Decker

- Getting caught up.
- IT/Computer work.

Project Manager Jere

- Fall paving on Sugar Island is done, turned out well.

- Kinross & Drummond Island projects are being prepped for start up next week.

Engineer Krouth

- Attended the Road Builders Conference
- MDOT Flap Grant for Curly Lewis Hwy.
- Pre-Construction meetings will be held next week for both the Lakeshore Dr. and Baker projects.

Chief Mechanic Marsh

- Grass cutting equipment maintenance.
- New 10' mower was delivered.
- Working on dump boxes for the new trucks
- Staying busy.

Managers Report

- Intern Nick Lacrosse has been a great help to the Engineering/Project team.
- Our Fiscal 2019 Transportation budget looks good. All previous funding stayed in place/no changes. In addition to the funding in place a budget surplus was identified and allocated to transportation. Discussion ensued.
- Attended the U.P. Road Builders Conference. The event was held at a new venue, Bay Mills Casino. Attendance was down but feedback from the event is very positive. Good Agenda.
- Prepared spec's and bids for a Road Widener and Concrete Box Culverts.
- Two eight foot culvert pipes are being placed on Sugar Island. We are using a new product, a metal tube with a protective coating that has a stated lifespan of 100 years. This is the last item we were required to complete based on our agreement with the DEQ.
- Met with the Sales Rep for Verizon Network Fleet. Verizon offers a fleet management/tracking GPS program that is effective and affordable. It can provide equipment diagnostics, tracking and roadside assistance. Doing additional research and checking references on the program. MDOT may soon mandate installation of this type of equipment on our State Maintenance Vehicles.
- The 10,000 yards of gravel crushing on Neebish Island is just about complete.
- Attended the Bay Mills Township Board meeting to discuss the Townships required portion of funding for the Lakeshore Drive project. Will be attending the Superior Township Board meeting on the 25th of June regarding the same project.
- Many inquiries have been received regarding our used trucks. Discussion ensued on the best way to proceed with the sale of the used equipment. Commissioner Ormsbee noted that we should have them appraised for fair market value and assign a minimum amount for each truck.

ROAD COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

Chairman Timmer reminded all to stay safe.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

Amy L Price
Clerk for the Board

Richard B. Timmer
Chairman