**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**December 4, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners for Presque Isle County was held at the Road Commission office at 657 South Bradley, Rogers City, Michigan. Chairman Thomas Catalano called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Thomas Catalano,Norman Quaine, Robert Macomber

**Also Present**: Supt./Mgr David Kowalski, Clerk Anne Wirgau

**Visitors:** County Commissioner Clifford Tollini

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve minutes from November 20, 2024 regular meeting.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber)x to approve the December 4, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $234,358.78

Ayes: Macomber, Quaine, Catalano

***Supt./Mgr Report:***

* Watson Ram of Manistee has a 2025 RAM Big Horn available for the Onaway Foreman. After incentives the cost is $55,977.00. The purchase was previously approved at the August 21, 2024 meeting.
* Supt./Mgr is obtaining pricing from Valley Products for three road surface temperature sensors for the Foremen pickups. Approximate cost will be $700.00 per unit and use on the state trunkline will cover the cost.
* MDOT is installing weather stations at our north and south county lines. These will cost $3,000.00 with the cost being divided between MDOT, Presque Isle County Road Commission and Alpena County Road Commission. The Foremen will be able to log into the system and check current road and weather conditions.
* The first snowfall of the season has occurred with minimal complaints. Supt./Mgr believes the Foremen and crews handled the event in a timely and efficient manner.
* Wade and Trim Engineering will be sending updated plans for the Lost Lake Road relocation. The plans will reflect the changes recommended by the Presque Isle County Road Commission Board at a previous meeting.
* The Posen garage roof is leaking onto electrical fixtures inside the building. The roof was replaced by Chappa Construction in 2018 and calls to the builder have not been returned. Simon Zolnierek will be looking at it and recommend a repair plan.
* Supt./Mgr relayed to the Village of Millersburg that we will not be participating in the reconstruction of their bridge within the village. Discussion was held.
* All three garages are in the process of having the final inspections on their cold storage buildings done.
* The snowmobile club has requested use of 634 Highway and Tomahawk Lake Road as part of the designated snowmobile trail. They would be using the shoulder of the road similar to sections of 441 Highway and 638 Highway near Rogers City. Discussion was held with the Board not in favor of writing a letter to the DNR approving the plan.

***Visitors:***

County Commissioner Tollini commented on road conditions in his area noting rainfall followed a short time later by a freeze did not allow much time to grade roads prior to winter.

***Unfinished Business:***

Discussion was held regarding a counteroffer proposed by the Foremen.

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to set Foremen salary as follows:

2025 2026 2027

Keith Konieczny $61,178.00 $63,678.00 $66,178.00

Marty Zdybel $59,900.00 $62,400.00 $64,900.00

Richard Price $59,900.00 $62,400.00 $64,900.00

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to set Mechanic wage at $2.00 per hour more than Heavy Equipment Operator (from 01/01/25 forward) and to provide uniforms.

Ayes: Quaine, Macomber, Catalano

***New Business:***

MacAllister /Michigan Cat has a Skid Steer with 258 hours available for $92,500.00. They are willing to give a minimum of $22,000.00 for Unit # 0714 Case Backhoe. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to authorize purchase a used Skid Steer up to $70,510.00.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

Supt./Mgr presented a salary request for the next three years and a written statement outlining his reasons for the request. A review of a written statement by Supt./Mgr was discussed

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to set the salary for the Supt./Mgr as follows with a four employment contract:

2025 $ 92,500.00

2026 $ 96,000.00

2027 $100,000.00

2028 $104,000.00

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

Finance Director Wirgau presented documents to the Board related to salary history of the position along with a salary request for the next three years. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to set the salary for the Finance Director as follows with a four year employment contract:

2025 $61,900.00

2026 $65,900.00

2027 $68,900.00

2028 $71,600.00

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A copy of the tentative proposed 2025 Budget was given to the Board for review prior to the Public on December 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, December 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, January 8, 2024 immediately after the Re-Organization Meeting at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 09:45 a.m.