**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 2, 2022**

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 Ronald Bischer called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Board Members Present:** Ronald Bischer,Thomas Catalano, Norman Quaine

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

**Visitors:** John Chappa, Presque Isle County Commissioner

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve minutes from February 16, 2022 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Catalano (Quaine) to approve the March 2, 2022 accounts payable in the amount of $124,899.85

Ayes: Bischer, Quaine, Catalano

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

* Alpena Overhead Door has given us a quote for replacing the 16’ x 12’ door at the Rogers City garage. $5,676.00 with three windows.
* Rogers Township is asking if they could make payments on their proposed projects. They currently owe $118,300.00 for Nagel Highway. The 2022 payment will be made on or before March 25, 2022 with the balance of $59,150.00 due in 2023. Tentative projects include Wenzel Highway ($28,166.00 each year for three years) and 646 Highway ($24,266 each year for three years). Discussion was held. Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated he was not sure if they were going to do both projects in the same year or not.
* Supt./Mgr attended the quarterly MTA meeting yesterday evening at Allis Township Hall. His report of activities was well received and only one question was brought forth regarding Church Highway in Moltke Township. The MTA chairperson discussed a legislative bill currently on the house floor which would take local control from townships regarding the issuance of permits for sand and gravel pits in their jurisdiction and give the authority to EGLE.
* Belknap Township requested some pricing information on road projects. They may want to gravel some roads or do a possible crush and shape in the future.
* The carbide blades we ordered have been delivered and put on the trucks, I have asked the drivers to record their mileage for comparison to regular blades. The blade order from November is scheduled for delivery this week.
* Crews have been restocking the winter sand piles and cutting trees when not plowing snow.
* The Onaway garage insulation bids have been received. Supt./Mgr stated all equipment is under a roof with only two old trucks outdoors and he is recommending putting off building the second lean to this year. Insulating the north addition ceiling would save on heating costs. Bids were reviewed.
* Supt./Mgr has been in contact with other Road Commission managers regarding weight restrictions along with watching the weather forecasts.
* A request has been received to allow our loader to push up snow at the KC Hall with the operator donating his time and the Road Commission donating the equipment use and fuel cost. Discussion was held and the request denied.
* Supt./Mgr briefly discussed employee contract negotiations and will bring a proposal from the employees to the next Board meeting.
* Quinn Ridley of GT Mainstream is requesting permission to perform an open cut across E. Ristow Highway for installation of a 12” gas pipeline. Discussion was held.
* Per Dan Walters from Grand Traverse Diesel new plow truck availability is out to November 2023 at this time.
* MDOT has a skid steer with a mulching head rented for the Road Commission to use on the state system. The tree and brush removal drum mulcher is on a 14’ boom and is mounted on a skid steer with tracks.
* Discussion was held regarding the hiring of Caleb Bade for a full-time position. Moved to New Business on the agenda for action.

***Visitor:***

County Commissioner John Chappa stated Presque Isle County has received half of the Federal money from the American Rescue Plan and the Chairman is currently accepting proposals for funding assistance in the community.

***Unfinished Business:***

Commissioner Catalano brought up possible repairs to Hopkins Road, Section 11, Bearinger Township. Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated the large areas which break up could be filled with pit run prior to covering with gravel. Discussion was held.

***New Business:***

Further discussion was held regarding the offering of full-time employment to seasonal worker Caleb Bade.

A motion was made by Catalano (Quaine) to offer full employment to Caleb Bade.

Ayes: Quaine, Catalano

Nays: Bischer

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Catalano and supported by Commissioner Quaine:

***Resolution 2022-03***

**Monaghan Creek Bridge on Shubert Highway**

***WHEREAS***, The Presque Isle County Board of Road Commissioners wishes to secure funding to replace the bridge over the Monaghan Creek on Shubert Highway located within section 23, T.33N. - R.7E., Krakow Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED***, that the Presque Isle County Road Commission hereby supports the effort to request funding from the Local Bridge Program to replace the Monaghan Bridge on Shubert Highway.

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,*** that the Presque Isle County Road Commission concurs that this replacement is urgently needed.

Adopted: Ayes: Bischer, Catalano, Quaine

Nays: None

Supt./Mgr Kowalski discussed repairs to Town Hall Highway in Bearinger Township. A total of 3.4 miles of gravel road is in need of repair which would include creating ditches and making the lanes 11’ wide. Discussion was held. Additionally, a section of 634 Highway (Pepper Hill) in Case Township is also in need of repair. There are erosion issues in the hills every year.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was set by Chairman Catalano for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 6, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Bischer adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.