**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**March 3, 2021**

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, Ronald Bischer, Norman Quaine

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

**Visitors:** John Chappa, Presque Isle County Commissioner, Steve Lang, Presque Isle Township Supervisor

***Minutes:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to approve minutes from February 17, 2021 regular meeting as presented.

Ayes: All

***Approval of Agenda:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Catalano) to approve the agenda.

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine

Nays: Bischer

***Accounts Payable:***

Motion by Bischer (Quaine) to approve the March 3, 2021 accounts payable in the amount of $169,740.45

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

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

* COVID-19 update
  + Vaccinations will be administered on Thursday for interested employees, I believe we have seven.
* Snowfall total is 70.5” so far this season, last year was 77”.
* Weight restrictions will be going on in our county Friday morning, March 5, 2021 at 8:00 a.m., neighboring counties are going on Wednesday and Friday
* Supt./Mgr is getting numerous calls from loggers regarding bonding of roads. Discussion was held about current bonded roads and possible future bonded roads.
* Supt./Mgr and Asst Supt./Mgr are getting estimates for the installation of insulation in the Rogers City truck storage garage. Losing heat through the ceiling/roof where the current insulation was separated over the years. Repair of insulation will result in reduced heating costs in the future.
* MCRCSIP is looking for candidates for their Board. If interested a letter of interest must be submitted by April 30, 2021.
* Supt./Mgr and Asst Supt./Mgr attended the “What the Heck?” presentation offered by MCRCSIP. Had several attorneys talk about Road Commission lawsuits in general. Very interesting. A rebroadcast will occur March 16th and 17th if anyone is interested in viewing. Two-hour session.
* Help wanted ads for truck driver/operators will be placed shortly with interviews to take place in April. Supt./Mgr will also be posting for the Onaway Foreman position as current Foreman McAtee will be on vacation starting May 1, 2021 with an official retirement date of June 2, 2021.
* Supt./Mgr will be on vacation from March 11, 2021 to March 21, 2021. Asst. Supt./Mgr will give report at the next meeting.
* The Employee Association will be proposing preliminary requests next week. The current agreement expires June 20, 2021.

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

Asst. Supt./Mgr Kowalski did a visual presentation using data from the Transportation Asset Management Council (TAMC) web site. Pie graphs showing the difference in PASER ratings for road surfaces from 2014 to 2019 were viewed and discussed.

Asst. Supt./Mgr also reported attending PASER Training which is mandatory every year to rate federal aid roads. Discussion was held regarding PASER ratings and how it is done.

***Visitors:***

Presque Isle County Commission John Chappa stated he hoped that the Board would adopt agenda item “Commissioner Code of Conduct Policy”. Discussion was held.

***9:00 a.m. Bid Openings – E. Grand Lake Road***

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| E. Grand Lake Crush & Shape | | | | | |
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|  | **Bidder** |  |  | **Bid Price** |  |
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|  | Team Elmer's |  |  | $91,952.00 |  |
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|  | MacArthur Construction |  |  | $64,752.00 |  |
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|  | J & N Construction |  |  | $97,705.74 |  |

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to accept all bids as read.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

A motion was made by (Quaine) Bischer to allow Supt./Mgr and Asst. Supt./Mgr to review crush & shape bids to see if all specifications were met and make contractor recommendation at the next meeting.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

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| E. Grand Lake Hot Mix Asphalt | | | | |
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| **Bidder** |  |  | **Bid Price** |  |
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| Reith-Riley |  |  | $390,600.00 |  |
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| Bolen |  |  | $280,812.00 |  |

A motion was made by Bischer (Catalano) to accept all bids and award the bid to Bolen Asphalt Paving for $280,812.00.

Ayes: Quaine, Bischer, Catalano

***Unfinished Business:***

A draft copy of the Presque Isle County Road Commissioners Code of Conduct was reviewed and discussed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Quaine to adopt the policy with minor typographical corrections. Motion died for lack of support.

***New Business:***

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

***Resolution 2021-07***

**Monaghan Creek Bridge on Shubert Highway**

***WHEREAS***, The Presque Isle County Road Commission 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: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

Nays: None

A motion was made by Quaine (Bischer) to enter an agreement with Rogers Township to crush, shape and pave Nagel Highway from US-23 to end of roadway (1.2 miles) with an estimated cost of $273,000.00; Rogers Township will pay share not to exceed $177,450.00 ($59,150 at start of project and then pay $59,150 in 2022 and $59,150 in 2023.

Ayes: Catalano, Bischer, Quaine

A copy of the 2021 Legislative Priorities as prepared by the County Road Association was given to the Board and discussed.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Road Commissioners was set by Chairman Catalano for Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

As there was no further business Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.