**Presque Isle County Road Commission**

**Minutes**

**November 20, 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 6, 2024 regular meeting with minor corrections.

Ayes: All

***Accounts Payable:***

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to approve the November 20, 2024 accounts payable in the amount of $271,127.57

Ayes: Catalano, Quaine, Macomber

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

• Attended Bearinger Township meeting 11-12-2024. They are going to have a public hearing to determine if the residents want to put funds towards Bluffs Hwy permazyne.

• I have an on site meeting with Davis Construction at the Shubert bridge replacement project at 1:30 today.

• Have had several complaints from residents about Dennis Ciarkowski parking equipment in the R.O.W. I sent him a letter to remove the items and also copied the Sheriffs Dept, Prosecutor, and the Township.

• Getting pricing on a used skid steer, same as we have in Rogers City a Cat 299 XP. This will go to Onaway. Possibly trade in Case backhoe from Posen that is getting appraised.

• Cadillac Ferndale, Bill Henn called to see what are intentions are with the R.O.W. I explained we have no plans to improve but the public needs to be able to have access on a public R.O.W. He agreed and thinks he may be able to confirm with Cadillac and settle out of the court system.

• I received information from Matt Hall, Cheboygan County Manager, and have enclosed a copy of the certified mileage maps. Discussion was held. Presque Isle County Road Commission has no legal right to maintain this section of road or no responsibility to take care of it.

• Our automotive hoist has been inspected and is good for service until 11-14-2025. This piece of equipment requires a yearly inspection.

***Visitors:***

County Commissioner Tollini has received a citizen request for brushing at the intersection of 3 Mile Hwy and Belding Road along with additional brushing heading north at the curve due to sight distance concerns. Discussion was held.

***Unfinished Business:***

Blue Care Network Renewal rates for 2025 have been received and the premiums are over the hard cap set by Department of Treasury. Lengthy discussion was held with it being noted the additional cost for 2025 is equal to $57,873.00.

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) to have the Employer pay two-thirds of the cost over the caps and have the Employee pay one-third of the cost over the cap.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

A discussion was held regarding the Employee Agreement language in Article thirteen, Section IX with it being noted the language needs change per our labor attorney.

A motion was made by Macomber (Quaine) pending contract negotiations in 2025 and a review of the policy to pay in lieu of payment to those employees who have opted out regardless of marital status.

Ayes: Macomber, Catalano, Macomber

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to table awarding the pickup bid received from Watson’s Manistee Chrysler until January 1, 2025.

Ayes: Catalano, Macomber, Quaine

***New Business:***

Chairman set a Public Hearing for December 30, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed 2025 Financial Budget.

A motion was made by Quaine (Macomber) to award a safety allowance of $300 for full time employees and $150.00 for part time/seasonal employees.

Supt./Mgr Kowalski brought forth proposed salary requests from the Mechanics and Foremen for the next three years. Discussion was held and the Board returned a counteroffer for the Supt./Mgr to relay to the Mechanics and Foremen.

Correspondence from the Village of Millersburg was reviewed and discussed regarding participation in a bridge replacement project within the Village of Millersburg.

Chairman Catalano spoke to the timing of plow crews during the winter season and discussion was held. Supt./Mgr Kowalski stated MDOT is installing cameras to monitor road conditions at both the north and south county lines.

The next scheduled regular meetings of the Presque Isle County Road Commission are set for Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday, December 30, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.

With no further business to come before the Board Chairman Catalano adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.