

Chairman D. Brandt called to order the Regular Meeting of the Cheboygan County Road Commission at 9:00 A.M.

Clerk Stempky took roll call and a quorum was present

Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

**PRESENT:** D. Brandt, D. Brown, C. O'Connor, J. Johnson, K. Paquet, Managing Director M. Roper and Clerk D. Stempky.

**VISITORS:** M. Wilcome, J. Moore, G. Pierson, S. Redmond, F. Cribb, C. Veneros, S. Allor, M. Ennes, M. Conti, and G. Bunker

**MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by K. Paquet to approve minutes of Organizational Meeting of 1/2/14 and Regular Meeting of 1/2/14 as mailed. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

**MOTION by K. Paquet seconded by D. Brown to approve for payment current payroll voucher #14-03-\$84,088.20 and accounts payable voucher #14-02-\$170,963.29. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

**MOTION by D. Brown seconded by J. Johnson to approve agenda as presented. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

S. Allor, County Commissioner had a concern regarding response time for a fire in Topinabee, Foreman noted they had been on the road in question at 3:00 P.M. and the call came in at 4:00 P.M. that sand needed to be applied on road, he felt the road should have been in good shape when the fire department started, the issue was they were pulling water from lake and the road became icy, CCRC did respond after contact was made with Foreman. Foreman noted before the Road Commission left that incident the Fire Commission has responded well with anything else and was told they were all set. D. Brandt feels the Road Commission has responded well with emergency calls. Managing Director Roper noted we are not on call 24 hours a day and if a call comes in between the time the regular day ceases and the night patrol comes in there may be a longer response time.

MTA Schedule for 2014 was reviewed and a Board Member was assigned each meeting to make sure Road Commission had someone attend.

Overtime Policy was reviewed and feels there could be some minor changes, Managing Director will make changes and forward to Commissioners for review before next meeting.

**MOTION by J. Johnson seconded by K. Paquet to receive and file the following correspondence: Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of 12/18/13; UP Road Builders Association Winter Meeting; Thank You Duane Wang Lynn Drive; Harry Hopkins Ref. Condition of Tower Roads and Millage; Dennis and Karen Martin Ref. Mailbox and Straits Area Council Minutes of 11/5/13 and Agenda for 2/4/14. 5 Yeas** **CARRIED**

Discussion of lighting in Cheboygan and Tower Garages, Managing Director will have looked at and ask for an estimate on cost.

Managing Director Roper discussed what happened at the Task Force Meeting held January in Atlanta. Rules have changed from the past and in some ways more flexible and in others it is more restrictive. The Group as a whole will be allocated money and not by individual Counties. Money can be moved from task force to task force as well, and each individual Task Force will determine how that money will be spent. Group as a whole voted to carry forward past balances, which means we did not lose the \$299,500 from 2013. This means a big project can be completed in 2014 which we are planning on completing Mann Road in 2014. We will have a project every year to use up our balance so money is not being lost being no carry forwards will be allowed, this means smaller projects

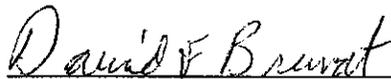
being performed and/or projects being done in stages. A local public hearing will be held in February to add projects to develop an illustrated list. These will be projects sitting ready to go if unspent monies come along. The task force will now meet in April to determine if all projects are ready to be obligated.

Brandt has concerns with visitors coming into the Garages and taking up time of workers as well as liability issues that may arise with them going through a Garage. Feels need to take care of the situations that arise before it becomes an issue, possibly signage and/or policy regarding visitors is needed. Paquet feels if vendors arrive an order should be ready for them to pickup and they can be on their way and not allow the vendor to make the orders or hang around.

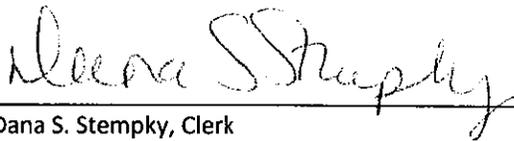
**D. Brown THANK YOU TO THE CREW FOR THEIR TIME WITH THE LAST STORM CLEANUP!**

Discussion of the Millage and funding. C. Veneros commented he feels the Road Commission needs to work on Public Relations. J. Johnson feels we need to have our own Website and educate the public whether we ask for a millage or not. Most residents have no idea how Road Commission is funded, most assume property taxes which it is not, but through a portion of the registration fees and gas tax. He feels we need to use the current media methods such a Facebook and our own website.

Chairman Brandt adjourned regular meeting at 10:22 A.M. being no further business to come before the Board.



David F. Brandt, Chairman



Dana S. Stempky, Clerk