

Traverses County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
January 18,2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chairman Tom Monson. Other Commissioners present were Todd Johnson, Kayla Schmidt, and Mark Gail. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously upon motion by Gail and second by Schmidt. A motion was made by Schmidt with a second by T. Johnson to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2022 board meeting, the motion was unanimously passed. There were no public comments.

Highway Department

County Engineer Chad Gillespie and Brian Koch, County Maintenance Supervisor appeared before the Board. Gillespie asked the Board to approve the 2022 Highway Fee Schedule, the fees remain unchanged from 2021. Upon motion from Schmidt and second by Gail the motion was passed unanimously. Gillespie asked the Board to approve the purchase of a Mastic Pothole Patcher, this purchase was passed unanimously upon a motion by Gail and second T. Johnson. Gillespie informed the Board that his department is planning to pre-purchase product for construction work on CSAH 6 which results in cost savings. Gillespie is planning on attending the Annual Minnesota County Engineers Association conference that begins January 18, 2022.

Traverse Care Center Bond Refunding

George Eilertson the Managing Director for Public Finance for Northland Securities appeared before the Board to present financial details regarding the 2012 Traverse Care Center Bonds. The TCC bonds are approaching their call date, at which time there are refinancing options available. Eilertson reported that a change in interest rates has the potential to save the county a substantial amount of money for the duration of the bonds. Eilertson recommended the Board consider a resolution to call for the sale of the bonds. Upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Schmidt the following resolution was passed unanimously with a threshold of 3% savings:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATED SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION NURSING HOME REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2022A

A. WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") of Traverse County, Minnesota (the "County"), has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue General Obligation Nursing Home Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A (the "Bonds"), to current refund the February 1, 2023 through February 1, 2030 maturities of the County's General Obligation Nursing Home Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012A on April 6, 2022; and

B. WHEREAS, the County has retained Northland Securities, Inc., in Minneapolis, Minnesota ("Northland"), as its independent municipal advisor and is therefore authorized to sell the Bonds by competitive negotiated sale in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9); and

C. WHEREAS, the County has retained Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, in Minneapolis, Minnesota as its bond counsel for purposes of this financing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Traverse County, Minnesota, as follows:

1. Authorization. The County Board hereby authorizes Northland to solicit proposals for the competitive negotiated sale of the Bonds.

2. Meeting; Proposal Opening. The County Board shall meet at the time and place specified in the Notice of Sale, in substantially the form attached hereto as Attachment A, for the purpose of considering sealed proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds. The County Auditor-Treasurer, or designee, shall open proposals at the time and place specified in the Notice of Sale.

3. Notice of Sale. The terms and conditions of the Bonds and the negotiation thereof are in substantially in the form set forth in the Notice of Sale attached hereto as Attachment A and hereby approved and made a part hereof.

4. Official Statement. In connection with the competitive negotiated sale of the Bonds, the County Auditor-Treasurer and other officers or employees of the County are hereby authorized to cooperate with Northland and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds, and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the County upon its completion.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by member _____ and, after full discussion thereof and upon a vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

Whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting County Auditor-Treasurer of Traverse County, Minnesota, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the attached and foregoing extract of minutes with the original thereof on file in my office, and that the same is a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the County Board of Commissioners duly called and held on the date therein indicated, insofar as such minutes relate to Traverse County's General Obligation Nursing Home Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2022A.

WITNESS my hand on _____, 2022.

County Auditor-Treasurer

Schmidt made a motion to accept the service agreement with Northland Securities, second by Gail and passed unanimously.

Auditor

Kit Johnson appeared before the Board with a department update. K. Johnson reported that his department is busy with end of year reporting, preparing tax documents, and payroll reports. He also

informed the Board he has conferred with County Attorney Matt Franzese regarding the options of either terminating or pausing the Wheaton Dumont Coop Elevator's tax abatement that was established in 2019. The Board agreed that the best course of action is to ask the WDCE to attend the next Board meeting to discuss the future of the abatement.

County Coordinator

Upon motion by Gail and second by Schmidt the following bills were approved unanimously.

Big Stone County Auditor	16,203.69
MCIT	65,298.00
Tri County Coop Oil Assoc.	7,589.50
Twin Valley Tire Wheaton, Inc	2,411.00
Association of Minnesota Counties	7,100.00
Bois De Sioux Watershed District	31,007.00
Cardmember Service	6,262.15
Counties Providing Technology	5,105.52
Mark Hormann	2,000.00
Mend Correctional Care, PLLC	5,400.32
Minnesota Sheriff's Association	2,521.98
MN Counties Intergovernmental	76,640.00
Morris Electronics	40,435.20
Ottertail Co Household Hazardous Waste	3,252.71
Pro-West & Associates	3,685.00
SEMCA	3,000.00
Tri County Coop Oil Assoc	5,174.00
US Bank	14,427.50
West Central Regional Juvenile Ctr	4,377.00

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 78 totaling \$31,358.49.

Zahl informed the Board that the county will need to advertise for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District Board Manager position that is due to expire April 30, 2022. Zahl received a letter from the City of Browns Valley reporting that they have completed the Wellhead Protection Planning process and have gotten notice from the Minnesota Department of Health that their plan has been approved.

Committee Reports

T. Johnson informed the Board that the Rainbow Rider meeting times have been changed from 5:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monson adjourned the meeting at 10:36

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Tom Monson, Chairman