

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
January 3, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commission Vice-Chair Dave Salberg. Other commissioners present included Tom Monson and Todd Johnson. Mark Gail appeared by telephone. Kevin Leininger was absent. The pledge was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously with the addition of a Proclamation for National School Choice Week and Health Dimensions letter to Wheaton Drug, upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The Oath of Office was given to Dave Salberg and Dianne Reinart. The following items were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson:

Bills:

ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA COUNTIES	3,534.00
Minnesota Sheriffs' Association	2,336.00
MN COUNTIES INTERGOVERNMENTAL TRUST	70,798.00
OTTER TAIL CO. SOLID WASTE	2,321.64
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA	17,220.24
US BANK	154,075.00
Wells Fargo Corporate Trust Services	200,792.50

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 41, amounting to \$16,640.76.

Wheaton Gazette is the official county newspaper. Committee delegations, Boards, AMC policy committees and the Coroner remain the same as 2016. The 2017 official Board meeting days and times will remain the same as 2016 with the exception of the 4th of July, which will be cancelled. The minutes were approved from December 20, 2016 as well as the Truth and Taxation meeting. The official depositories for county funds will remain the same as 2016. The expense reimbursements for employees will remain the same as 2016 except mileage, which will follow the IRS rate. Fee schedules will remain the same as 2016. The Auditor is authorized to pay county bills. The following resolution was approved:

Definition of an Employee for Workers' Compensation Laws per Minnesota Statute 176.011, subd.9

The Board of Commissioners of the County of Traverse does hereby resolve that, pursuant to the requirements of Minn. Stat. 176.011, subd. 9 (6), that all officers of Traverse County who are elected or appointed to a regular term of office, or to complete the unexpired portion of a regular term, shall be included within the definition of "employee" as that term is defined in Minn. Stat. 176.011, subd. 9 for purposes of coverage under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of Minnesota.

It is further resolved that this resolution recognizes that the County of Traverse has in the past included said officials in all Workers' Compensation reports and audits and that this resolution is intended to meet the statutory requirements and confirm an existing practice, not to establish a new practice.

Further resolved, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners, for Traverse County, further resolves that pursuant to the requirements of Minn. Stat 176.011, subd. 9, all Traverse County Fair Board personnel who are elected, appointed, or voluntary in nature, shall be included within the definition of "employee" for the purposes of coverage under the Workers' Compensation Laws of the State of Minnesota.

Attested to by:

A proclamation was signed declaring Traverse County School Week January 22 through 28. The wage schedule for non-union employees as approved at the 12/20/16 meeting was amended to add two additional employees and to adjust the salary for Larry Haukos. There was discussion around Health Dimensions notifying Wheaton Drug that the nursing home will no longer use them to fill prescriptions as they are moving towards using a National Company. There will be further discussion at an upcoming meeting when the lease is discussed.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Haukos presented his temporary roster for 2017 seasonal and emergency part-time workers. The following was approved unanimously upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson:

WHEREAS: Traverse County Highway Department has a Roster of temporary seasonal and emergency part time workers for summer work activities and winter emergencies.

BE IT RESOLVED The proposed Roster for 2017 is:

Steve Fischer	Jim Montonye
Adam Wilson	Steve Johnson
Steve Wahl	Todd Frisch
Abbey Peterson	Nate Mord

Information was also provided regarding a Diamond Side Mount Mower for the Board to review.

Trevor Wright/Sheriff's Office- Wright presented jail statistics from December. The average capacity usage was 80.28%. Wright will be representing the district on the legislative committee for the Sheriff's Association. He reported new hires and they now have staffing at full capacity. He presented the 2017 fee schedule. It was approved unanimously, upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson. The 2016 budget came in \$58,000.00 under budget. He discussed options and how he will spend it. The courthouse security assessment was completed. Wright will bring it to the Building Committee. Bottom line, the recommendation strongly supports a new courthouse. The bill for the assessment will be paid per the recommendation of the Auditor/Treasurer. There was also discussion around which department should pay for an adolescent placed in Red Wing. Social Services will pay it and a meeting will be set up to discuss similar situations that may arise.

Sara Gronfeld/Soil and Water/Planning and Zoning- There will be construction starting this spring for a shoreline protection project on property owned by the Traverse Hunting Club. An application was filed for a Wetland Conservation Act exemption for the project. There will be an initial coordination meeting to move forward with development of a one watershed one plan. The agency has been working on annual reporting for several program areas through the state's reporting system: eLink. There is training available for the GIS project that is nearing completion. The SWCD received \$30,000.00 for Buffer Law implementation grant for 2017.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Dave Salberg/Vice-Board Chair