

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
February 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Kevin Leininger. Other commissioners present included Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, and Todd Johnson. Mark Gail appeared by phone. The pledge was recited. The agenda was approved unanimously, upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, with the addition of Matt Franzese to discuss his department's budget and T. Johnson historical levy handout.

Larry Haukos/Highway Engineer- Haukos discussed a proposed mowing and weed control plan. The purpose is to control vegetation and noxious weeds. He discussed his plan for noxious weed control, vegetation control, staffing and equipment. He requested authorization to purchase a Diamond side mount mower from Diamond Mowers for \$29,032.00. The purchase request was tabled to review another option. The starting date for spring road restrictions for the central zone is 12:01 AM on February 21, 2017.

Missy Becker-Cook/Teresa Gustafson/ West Central Minnesota Community Action Agency (WCMCA- Cook provided a summary of the various programs they administer. For the energy assistance program they served 224 families and allocated \$256,481 in Traverse County. She announced Michelle Rinke will be joining the WCMCA Board.

Dave Coudran/Advantanon- Coudran presented a proposal for high speed wireless internet. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Salberg, the proposal was approved, contingent on approval by County Attorney. It passed unanimously. The proposal includes a \$220,000.00 loan for buildout hardware of infrastructure within the first six months and \$140,000.00 within the first year for last mile hardware. The loan would be paid back over a three year period.

Matt Franzese/County Attorney- Franzese discussed budget concerns. The 2017 budget was reduced based on 2016 spending. He discussed e-filing and the software programs associated with it. The free program, which the office was using previously, is not adequate and has become a huge time constraint. The license is \$1,500.00 per year for the fee and another \$1,500.00 for online training and remote download. In speaking with IT, they recommended they purchase their own server as well. That cost would be approximately \$3,000.00. This would have fit into the previous year's budget had it not been reduced. Salberg agreed it needed to be done. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Johnson, the additional budget needs were approved unanimously.

Kit Johnson/Auditor/Treasurer- Johnson discussed property taxes. He anticipates statements to be out by mid-March. They received a letter from the DNR supporting the sale of the property in Browns Valley that is located on the water. Upon a motion by Monson and second by T. Johnson, unanimous approval was given on the consumption and display permit, and the wine and beer licenses for the Wheaton Golf Course. Quotes on a scanner were discussed for scanning some of the larger older books. K. Johnson will discuss the quotes with the vendor and bring the decision back to a future meeting.

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator- The minutes from February 7, 2017 were approved unanimously upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson. The following bills were approved unanimously, upon a motion by Salberg and second by T. Monson:

ELLINGSON PLUMBING, HTG & AC	9,591.58
GAZETTE PUBLISHING CO.	3,549.88
MAIN STREET MOTORS	6,961.13
RAINBOW RIDER	4,000.00
TRI COUNTY COOP	3,722.33
INTERSTATE ENGINEERING	6,552.78
LARSON OIL, INC	4,142.90
TRI COUNTY COOP	2,838.21
ZIEGLER, INC.	3,359.31

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2000.00 or less were 51, amounting to \$18,767.55. Salberg shared the Minnesota Rural Counties Caucus Survey of Greater Minnesota counties for 2017. Antrim discussed a phone conference held that morning with Representative Backer on County Aide and Broadband Grant Legislation. The conference call included commissioners from the Jail Task Force.

Attested to by:

Rhonda Antrim/County Coordinator

Kevin Leininger/Board Chair