

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 1, 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, Mark Gail, and Dave Salberg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. With the following additions: redistricting, and Traverse Care Center conversation the agenda was approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Salberg. The minutes from the February 15, 2022 were approved unanimously upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail. There were no public comments.

Highway Department

County Engineer Chad Gillespie appeared before the Board. Gillespie presented the Board with a packet for the Wheelage Tax Resolution proposal which included a resolution to put this into place. Salberg made a motion to approve the resolution with a second from Gail, discussion followed. Salberg withdrew his motion. Schmidt made a motion to table the resolution until more information can be provided, seconded by T. Johnson and passed unanimously. Gillespie informed the Board that Requests for Proposals for the courthouse sidewalks have been distributed. He also showed the Board examples of what goes into a project plan and proposal for Box Culverts and Roadways.

Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Trevor Wright and Brenda Bartz were unable to attend the meeting. They did provide the Board with the February Jail report which showed an occupancy rate of 58%.

Soil and Water Conservation District

Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board with a department update. Gronfeld has received one application for the septic system program. Gronfeld requested approval of the Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems Upgrade Grant, this was approved unanimously upon a motion by Salberg and seconded by Schmidt. Upon a motion by Gail and second by T. Johnson the annual County Feedlot Officer Report was approved unanimously. Gronfeld went on to provide informational items to include Wetland Conservation training she attended, One Watershed One Plan updates, Upper Minnesota River Policy Committee updates, Local Water Plan meeting and Internship position that is available.

Auditor/Treasurer

Kit Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer, appeared before the Board. K. Johnson asked the Board to ratify the contract with, Trimin, the company that owns Integrated Financial Services. K. Johnson explained that 77 other counties that are part of the Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative (MnCCC) use this service and have given authority to MnCCC to negotiate with Trimin on their behalf. The Board Ratification was approved unanimously upon a motion by Schmidt and second by Salberg. K. Johnson provided the Board with timelines regarding redistricting. There will be a public meeting held on April 5, 2022 during the regularly scheduled Board meeting for input on redistricting. The deadline for completion is April 19, 2022.

County Coordinator

The following bills were unanimously approved upon a motion by Gail and second by Schmidt.

Brandon Communications	10,779.81
Fleet Services	2,831.85

MN Office of Enterprise Technology	2,009.96
Rainbow Rider	2,301.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc.	6,181.65
Kris Engineering Inc.	6,703.94
Whaley Excavating Inc.	11,935.00

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 28 with a total of \$10,563.70.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator, included in the Commissioner's packets, an annual report from the Association of Minnesota Counties. The Traverse Care Center conversation took place discussing the issues that long term care facilities are facing. Salberg said that PrimeWest is starting a process to provide long term care assistance for all the nursing homes that are in PrimeWest counties.

Commissioner Reports

Salberg provided updates from the PrimeWest and the Department of Human Services mediation, DHS declined mediation so PrimeWest filed to take them to court.

Monson adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Tom Monson, Chairman