

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Dave Salberg, other commissioners present were Tom Monson, Mark Gail, Kayla Schmidt, and Todd Johnson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. This meeting is being conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, which allows a meeting to be conducted by telephone or other electronic means during a health pandemic by the governor of the State of Minnesota in Minnesota statute Chapter 12. The agenda was unanimously approved upon motion by Monson and second by Gail.

Highway Department

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer, and Brian Koch, Highway Supervisor, appeared before the Board with a Department update.

Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail approval was granted to hire up to 4 summer seasonal employees.

Upon a motion by Gail with a second by Monson approval was granted to Advertise for Bids CP 21-01 Graveling Project. CSAH 16-4 miles and CSAH 19-2.25 miles.

Upon a motion by T. Johnson and second by Monson approval was passed to Advertise for Bids 079-616-008 Box Culvert.

Construction contracts were signed by Salberg for projects awarded at 3/2/21 Commissioners Meeting.

Gillespie had been asked to present purchase/lease options for an excavator. A motion was made by Gail and a second by Johnson the to approve option 1 presented by Gillespie, the motion passed with Gail, Johnson, Monson, and Schmidt voting yea and Salberg voting nay. Option 1: follow budget for this year and rent to purchase (State Bid) with good faith the remaining amount will be budgeted for next year to purchase.

Traverse Care Center Quarterly Update

Dylan Hanson, Executive Director Traverse Care Center updated the board on census numbers, Covid 19 protocols and procedures, and recent Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ratings.

Auditor/Treasurer

Kit Johnson, Auditor/Treasurer appeared before the Board with a department update. K. Johnson informed the Board that 2021 tax statements are in the process of being mailed and that delinquent properties are being printed in the Wheaton Gazette this week. K. Johnson and his staff are organizing department inventories.

County Coordinator

A motion was made by Gail and second by Monson to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2021 Board Meeting and approved unanimously. Monson made a motion to approve the following bills with a second by Schmidt, approval was unanimous.

Bosek Underwater Services	\$5,150.00
Cardmember Services	\$3,513.70
Counties Providing Technology	\$4,975.41
Gazette Publishing Co.	\$5,175.35
Hometown Planning	\$2,450.00
Hope's Windows, INC	\$12,807.80
Hormann/Mark	\$2,000.00
Mend Correctional Care, PLLC	\$5,268.60
Morris Electronics	\$5,430.66
Tri County Coop Oil Assoc	\$4,900.70
West Central Regional Juvenile CTJ	\$2,942.00
L&O Acres Transport, INC	\$2,417.19
Tri-County Coop Oil Assoc	\$3,534.27
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	\$15,740.29

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000 or less were 36, amounting to \$23,603.13.

2020 County feedlot Officer(CFO) Annual Report: A motion was made by Gail to approve the report with a second by T. Johnson, unanimously approved.

LELS Memorandum of Agreement: A motion to accept was made by Monson and second by T. Johnson, unanimously approved.

Phones: A motion was made by Gail and second by Monson to authorize the purchase new phones for county offices. The motion was passed unanimously.

Zahl provided a brief update on the New Native Prairie Bank Easement in Walls Township

Zahl informed the board that the county is responsible for advertising for a Bois de Sioux Watershed District Manager, per state statute.

Zahl informed the board of the resignation of University of Minnesota Extension Educator Kayla Maas whose last day will be 4/14/21. The University of Minnesota Extension will arrange an interim educator while seeking out a permanent replacement.

Zahl provided the board with Federal Relief Package information.

Zahl informed the board that the issue with the Traverse County Social Services Server Room A/C unit was the motor. A replacement motor is on order.

Salberg adjourned the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Dave Salberg, Board Chairman