

Traverse County Commission
Regular Board Meeting
March 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commission Chair Todd Johnson. Other commissioners present included Dave Salberg, Tom Monson, and Mark Gail. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson, the agenda was approved 4-0.

Law Enforcement

Sheriff Trevor Wright gave the jail update. Our usage for the month of February was at 58.44%. There was an accident with a squad car on February 11 due to the roads being icy. This vehicle plus another squad car leases are ending soon so we are going to replace them both. There is an Engineer at the Law Enforcement Center today doing an assessment for our new 911 equipment.

Traverse Care Center

Kristina Guindon, Reginal Director of Operations, Health Dimensions Group, and Sandy Larson, Interim Administrator, Traverse Care Center, appeared before the Board to give an update. The current CMS status overall is a 5 star. Residents and family satisfaction have remained the same at 94% for resident and 100% for family satisfaction. The turnover rate for 2018 was 50% which is the corporate goal, the industry average is 60 – 75%. They will be working on sending out a new employee satisfaction survey in the next few months. They have resolved the heating issues with the dining room and they are working on replacing the call light system. Calista Taffe, Executive Director will not be returning to Traverse Care Center, they are currently recruiting for this position. The Gala fundraiser was held January 26 and they raised \$5,552.83 after expenses. They will be using this money to put towards the purchase of a bladder scanner and updating the Beauty Salon equipment.

Soil & Water Conservation District

Sara Gronfeld appeared before the Board with a department update. A Nonstructural Land Management Practices Implementation Plan was adopted by the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). The weed management workshop has been rescheduled for March 20 at 9:30 at the Legion. SWCD received a grant to do a Strategic Planning Session with the SWSD Board.

The City of Tintah is working on upgrading their Septic Systems so that they are in compliance. They are looking at grants from the State and bringing in experts to help with the process.

The following resolution was approved 4-0 upon a motion by Salberg and second by Monson:

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINNESOTA WETLAND CONSERVATION ACT

Traverse County
19-04

WHEREAS, Traverse County has accepted the authority and administrative responsibility to implement the Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) within the legal boundaries of Traverse County in accordance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420; and

WHEREAS, Traverse County is authorized by Minnesota Administrative Rules Part 8420.0200, Subpart 2, Item C, to delegate certain functions with regard to implementation of WCA, including the authority to make decisions on applications, with its staff.

THEREFORE; BE IT RESOLVED by the Traverse County Board of Commissioners, that decision-making authority for WCA exemption, no-loss, wetland boundary and type applications is placed with the Traverse Soil and Water Conservation District or their designee.

THEREFORE; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the decision-making authority for WCA sequencing, replacement plan, and wetland banking applications will remain with the Traverse County Board of Commissioners.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20__.

By: _____
Chair of the Board of Commissioners

Resolution No. _____: Offered by Commissioner _____, seconded by
Commissioner _____, adopted by a vote of _____ at the regular meeting
of the Board of Commissioners of Traverse County on March 5, 2019.

Attest: _____
Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Gronfeld received a request to extend the Wetland Replacement Plan decision for the Bois de Sioux Watershed District's Redpath Project. They would like to extend the expiration date from April 2021 to April 2026 of the original decision by the County Board on April 9, 2016 as the project development is still ongoing. All the original conditions will remain in effect. A 5 year extension on the Redpath Project was approved 4-0 on a motion by Monson second by Salberg.

Gronfeld suggested to the Board that they should decide as to what they find to be the highest priority with One Watershed One Plan, examples being erosion, water quality, etc. At the end of the planning for 1W1P there should be some money coming to Traverse County and we want to make sure that our highest priority items get included in the plan.

Planning Commission appointments for April 2019

The Board received three letters of interest for the Joint Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment Position. With a vote of 4-0, Jerry Metz, Doug Frisch and Jerome Deal were re-elected to the Board for a 3 year term on a motion by Monson and second by Salberg.

Highway Department

Chad Gillespie, County Engineer, presented the department update. The Highway Department and Lynn Siegel, Emergency Manager had an internal potential flood meeting on February 8 to discuss possible ways to streamline the process if a flood happens this spring.

Other counties are using secondary LED lighting for the trucks so Gillespie is going to be looking into the different options that are on the State Bid.

Public Hearing on Domestic Animal Regulation Ordinance

County Attorney, Matt Franzese, discussed the proposed ordinance. It will not override the City ordinances that are in place. Upon a motion by Salberg and second by Gail the Domestic Animal Regulation Ordinance was approved 4-0. The following summary of the ordinance was approved 4-0 upon a motion by Gail and second by Monson:

SUMMARY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF DOMESTIC ANIMALS RELUATION ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING DOMESTIC ANIMALS WITHIN THE COUNT OF TRAVERSE, STATE OF MINNESOTA

In order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Traverse County, the Traverse County Board of Commissioners hereby enacts this Ordinance regulating domestic animals within Traverse County. It gives authority to the Traverse County Sheriff's Office to enforce all provisions of this Ordinance.

The Ordinance covers the following topics: Definition of terms; dogs and cats; non-domestic animals; farm animals; impounding animals; kennels; nuisances; seizure of animals; animals presenting a danger to health and safety of the county; diseased animals; dangerous and potentially dangerous dogs; dangerous animals (excluding dogs); basic care; breeding moratorium; enforcing officer; pound; interference with officers; fighting animals; and feeding stray cats and dogs.

A violation of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and/or by imprisonment of not to exceed ninety (90) days.

This summary is being published in compliance with Minnesota Statutes Section 331A.01, Subdivision 10 and Minnesota Statutes Section 375.51, Subdivision 3. A copy of the full text of this Ordinance shall be available at regular office hours of the office of the Traverse County Coordinator. The full text of this Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of March 2019.

TRAVERSE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chairman

ATTEST:

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Assessor

Dianne Reinart, County Assessor appeared before the Board to ask them to set the County Board of Appeal & Equalization date. She informed them that it can't be before the 2nd Friday or June and no action can be taken after June 30. The County Board of Appeal & Equalization date is set for Wednesday, June 19, at 6:30 pm.

County Coordinator

A motion was made by Monson to approve the February 19, 2019 Board minutes, seconded by Salberg, the minutes were approved 4-0. Upon a motion by Monson and second by Gail, the following bills were approved 4-0:

H & L MESABI	\$2,327.13
L & O ACRES TRANSPORT, INC.	\$2,070.44
HORIZON PUBLIC HEALTH	\$6,226.50
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	\$3,158.35
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	\$5,339.94

Per M.S. 375.12, the number of claims totaling \$2,000.00 or less were 40, amounting to \$17,528.75.

The Board looked over the Zoning report submitted by Ben Oleson. There was one permit approved in February.

Lisa Zahl asked the Board if they would be interested in having a Budget Committee. This will give the Department Heads a chance to discuss their budgets with the committee and for strategic planning of future needs. Salberg and Monson volunteered to be a part of this committee along with any other Department Heads that would like to be on it. Zahl will bring this to the next Department Head meeting.

T. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Lisa Zahl, County Coordinator

Todd Johnson, Board Chairman